

Mad Child Killer At Large

Boy Found Beaten To Death

London, Apr. 13.—Scores of police scoured the Lancashire countryside with bloodhounds today for a mad killer of a child.

The killer tore the clothing from 11-year old Jack Quentin Smith and beat him to death while the child was returning from school on Monday.

Near the scene, villagers found Jack's schoolmate David Lee, aged 9, with stab wounds in his chest and stomach.

IN "ZIGZAG SUIT"

David's condition was only "fair" today, but he was able to tell police the killer was a tall thin man "in a zigzag suit." Many others accompanied their children to school today. Police took extra precautions to guard them.

The two boys were the latest victims of a series of attacks on children in the district dating back to 1944. Seven-year old Sheila Fox left her Farnworth home for school four years ago. She has not been seen since.

She was last seen on a bicycle with a tall, thin man. In October 1945, Patricia McKewen, six, was stabbed by a man of the same description.

A few weeks ago a man attempted to entice another schoolgirl to go with him.—Associated Press.

Freighter In Distress

Shanghai, Apr. 14.—A United States Navy vessel and a Chinese warship had been sent from Tientsin to rescue the 400 passengers of the Chinese freighter, Wan Lee, which went aground on the northeast Shantung peninsula. It is officially stated here this morning.

The fate of the 400 passengers, who were safely put ashore before the ship foundered in shallow water, is not yet known.

It is understood that the passengers include a Czech, A. Prihoda, who was returning from Tientsin to Shanghai.

The point where the passengers landed on Shantung is said to be in Communist territory, and it was first reported that Communist troops were only 30 miles away. There is no confirmation of this available in Shanghai, but the ship's owners, the Fuming Steamship Company, said that troops were observed around the Wan Lee.

Asked if the military force was Government or Communist, the company could not say.

The Wan Lee is a 1,500-ton transformed American warcraft, which was built in 1944.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

War Losses Claims

MR Creech Jones has promised to make an early statement on claims regarding war damages and losses in Malaya, which encourages the hope that the Colonial Secretary will soon find time to deal with the same question concerning Hongkong. War damages and losses claims constitute probably the trickiest of all the post-war problems insofar as the Imperial Government and its colonies are concerned. At no time has a promise ever been made by the Home Government to reimburse those in the colonies whose personal property has either been lost or damaged as a result of the Pacific war, so that the most Hongkong can expect in recognition of a moral or sentimental claim. Moreover, Hongkong's position is different to, and weaker than that of Malaya where a property insurance scheme was introduced before the opening of hostilities. Here, thanks to some not very far-seeing gentlemen, a similar protective scheme was rejected. Hongkong, therefore, cannot plead in justification of its claims that premiums have been paid. It is natural for anybody who has been deprived of property and goods while helpless to prevent the loss, to have for compensation, but the difficulty is to discover against whom should the claims be made. That they should be drawn from reparations paid by the defeated enemy seems a natural source, but monetary reparations, as was proved after World War I, can boomarang.

Furthermore there is a definite limit to which Japan can go in meeting this type of obligation. Expressed in terms of currency the full reparations bill against Japan would be fantastic and probably quite impossible to collect. Although it has not yet been disclosed what Hongkong's bill amounts to it is certain to reach a fairly staggering figure which, taken in conjunction with the numerous other claims, could not be paid in full by Japan. There are various other angles, such as equity, legitimacy of claim: whether a house that was looted because it was unguarded should be entitled to the same compensation as property that was shelled because it was marked as a combatant object; whether cars and commodities, requisitioned by the British authorities before the surrender, and as a result lost or damaged, should not have first claim, and whether, in any event, the onus for repayment in such cases does not rest with the military authorities, Whitehall or the Hongkong Government. In the long run the majority will contend that Hongkong's material losses formed part of the general war effort and should accordingly, be placed to the debit of the war bill and honoured as such. It is conceivable, however, that we shall have to write off these claims as being irrecoverable (many have already mentally done so), but for the time being everybody would feel happier if Mr Creech Jones gave us a lead as to intentions and possibilities.

COSTA RICA INSURGENTS MARCH ON CAPITAL

More Trouble In Colombia

Washington, Apr. 13.—Senor Alvaro Bonia, acting Foreign Minister of Costa Rica, has asked the Diplomatic Corps of San Jose, capital of Costa Rica, to take the city under its protection against armed insurgent forces advancing upon it, the State Department reported here today. Government forces are not believed able to hold San Jose.

A house to house defence is expected as the Communist Vanguardia party are issuing urgent calls by radio to all their supporters to gather at the labour union headquarters.

It was also reported that the Vanguardia Party has taken over the telephone headquarters and is expelling any members of the staff who are not 100 percent on the Communist side.

Heavy fighting is expected at Cartagio, second largest city in the country, and it is stated Limon, on the east coast, has fallen to the insurgents.—Reuter.

Berlin Air Accident

Reds Refuse To Hear Witnesses

Berlin, Apr. 13.—The Soviet members of the joint Viking-Yak crash inquiry have refused to hear American or German witnesses in the case, it was announced here tonight.

The head of the Soviet delegation, General Alexandrov, gave no precise explanation for this attitude except that the inquiry was a bipartite one and therefore should hear only witnesses from the two nations concerned.

The British delegation chief, Air Commodore R. N. White, said the British would continue with the investigation and would take evidence "from all witnesses who present themselves and shall test their capability."

He added: "We shall, of course, make available to you the whole of the evidence which is presented to us."

General Alexandrov made no reply except to confirm that he had understood the British statement.

The completion of the inquiry is expected to take two or three days, with or without the Russians. All findings will be made public, a British spokesman said.—Reuter.

REDS IN CONTROL

Washington, Apr. 13.—The State Department has received a dispatch from the American Vice-Consul in Medellin, Colombia, giving an unconfirmed report that Puerto Berio, the river port of Medellin, has been burned and is in the hands of Communists.

The State Department also gave correspondents an unconfirmed report from Medellin that a troops train had been derailed yesterday at Caracoli and that troops were fighting their way forward.

Another report said a Colombian plane with a United States pilot was fired on by Communists on Saturday and was unable to land troops.

The State Department had also received a report from the Vice-Consul in Buenaventura that the situation was under control, but still somewhat tense there with sporadic firing and troops rounding up those suspected of leading disturbances.—Reuter.

Bogota Conference To Resume

Bogota, Colombia, April 13.—The Army is in complete control of Bogota and delegates to the 21 nation Inter-American Conference voted to resume deliberations interrupted by the revolt last Friday.

The action was in accord with conference sentiment to continue the meeting in rubble strewn Bogota in order to show the Communists "they can't kick us out."

Romulo Betancourt, chief delegate for Venezuela, said the delegates approved his motion to continue the conference in the Colombian capital. The Colombian government charged its Public works engineers with the task of cleaning up the wreckage of last week's attempted revolution which US Secretary of State George Marshall said stemmed from the force of international Communism. The Army remained in complete control. Hundreds of citizens came out on the streets to go to the jobs they left when the revolution erupted in a savage outburst of killing, looting and arson.

SHOOTING OVER

The shooting phase of the revolution is over. Bogota and the rest of the country are trying to clean up the mess left by revolutionaries who looted, sacked and burned here and in many other cities. Bogota is semi-destroyed. Hardly a public building, store or church escaped damage, but the resident areas were virtually untouched. Whole blocks in the heart of the city are in ruins with only walls standing. Industry and business are paralysed. The position of organized labour, penetrated by the Communists, still is not clear. The situation in respect to diplomatic relations with Russia is confusing. On Monday the government announced three times that Colombia had severed diplomatic relations with Russia. Today a member of the Presidential Secretariat said the Cabinet had not yet approved the decree for severing relations. The government said it had arrested a number of Communists, including two Russian agents.

Amidst the confusion, Eugene Fedin, Soviet Charge d'Affaires, arrived from the Presidential Palace in his car. After waiting a half hour he went away.

CENSORSHIP

Censorship is making itself very evident. Details of a press conference on Monday with Mr Marshall were only partially cleared.

The Associated Press correspondent in Panama said the censor



The Free Territory of Trieste, which Britain, the United States and France have proposed should be handed back to Italy.

Moscow's "No" To Trieste Proposal

London, Apr. 13.—The Moscow radio said on Tuesday night that Russia had rejected as "unacceptable" a proposal of the United States, Britain and France for a four-power conference to consider the return of Trieste to Italy.

Russia also resisted on Tuesday a Western plan to guarantee to Austria the frontiers she had before Hitler joined Austria to Germany in 1938. N. P. Kokilov, Soviet delegate to the Big Four Foreign Ministers' Deputies, told the Deputies that Russia supports Yugoslav claims against Austria. He asked that Yugoslavia be invited to present the Yugoslav case to the Deputies who are studying terms of an Austrian peace treaty.

Marshal Tito seeks a big slice of Carinthia, mountainous South Austrian province and part of the Styria Alpine region, rich in iron ore.

Samuel Aeger, United States, said his delegation is willing to hear Yugoslav claims orally "if it has any new arguments."—Associated Press.

Superforts To Make Show Of Strength

New York, Apr. 13.—Three squadrons of American Superfortresses—about 30 machines—left Smoky Hill Airfield, Kansas, this morning on a training flight to Germany.

They were expected to rendezvous over Brest at dawn on Thursday, and to fly in formation over Paris on their way to their destination, Furstenfeldbruck, Germany.

Two of the squadrons will return after the trip, but the third will replace a Superfort squadron now in Germany.

A Denver Post, Colorado, writer, Leo Costello, said today the flight of Superfortresses would make "a show of strength for the Western powers" before the elections in Italy on Sunday.

Writing under a dateline "over the Atlantic on board a B-29," he said: "After the expected Italian manoeuvres by the group, the B-29s are expected to fly over Saudi Arabia, where the United States has one of its biggest B-29 aerodromes, and a point incidentally within close range of most of Russia."—Reuter.

TELEPHONE HOAX

London, Apr. 13.—An anonymous caller told a London telephone operator today "We will blow up the Houses of Parliament at 6 o'clock."

Police ransacked the buildings. A police car rushed to the phone box from which the telephone threat came. Nobody was there. They posted extra policemen in and around Parliament.

Parliament went on undisturbed with its work.—Associated Press.

STEEL SHORTAGE HINDERS ECONOMIC PLANNING

London, Apr. 13.—The Board of Trade President, Mr Harold Wilson, said today that a shortage of steel and a diminishing demand for consumer goods have hindered Britain's economic planning.

Those were the principal reasons, he told a news conference, for reducing export targets from 150 to 130 per cent of the 1938 volume.

Since the war used up a big part of the nation's overseas assets, increased export are required to help balance a deficit of foreign exchange—expected to total £130,000,000 during the first six months of 1948. To help reduce the deficit imports have been curtailed. Food pur-

THREE-SIDED BATTLE ON SLOPES OF MT. SCOPUS

Arabs Ambush Food Convoy

Jerusalem, Apr. 13.—Forty Jews were killed today when Arabs, Jews and British fought out a three-sided battle on the slopes of Mount Scopus, outside Jerusalem. The British brought up two pounder guns, machine-guns, Bren carriers and armoured cars, rescued many Jews, took them to hospital and then called a truce with the Arabs to end the six-hour fighting.

The action, one of the hottest Jerusalem has seen, started after Arab miners wrecked the leading vehicles of a small Jewish convoy which tried to take food to the Hadassah Hospital and the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus.

The British intervention is believed to have saved the Jews from an all-out mortar attack.

The Jews called up reinforcements, most of whom were engaged outside the convoy area while the Arabs, firing from rooftops and from behind stone walls and sandbagged emplacements, rushed up two armoured cars and tins of petrol for a final "firebomb" attack on the stationary vehicles.

Some Jewish reinforcements fought a mortar duel with the Arabs.

Piles of burning bodies, scattered around the blazing wreckage of the Jewish convoy, met the Highland Light Infantry men after they had beaten off ferocious Arab attacks and rescued a score of Jewish survivors.

Bodies of 35 Jews, mostly burning, were counted and more were scattered by the roadside.

The Jewish Agency today formally announced the formation of a 18-man Cabinet which will form the central structure of the proposed Jewish State in Palestine.

The Cabinet will be composed of 12 Ministers and a Head of the Government.

A Jewish Agency spokesman told a press conference in Jerusalem today that over 50 key appointments would be made in the new Jewish Civil Service.

JEWISH GOVERNMENT

The spokesman added that the Ministers would take over the government of Jewish Palestine from May 16, the day after the British authorities are due to give up the mandate over Palestine.

The Ministers set up are: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Interior, Economics and Finance, Immigration, Labour, Merit and Industry, Public Works and Communications, Justice, Education, Health and Social Welfare.

The spokesman announced the establishment of a national food control system for Jewish Palestine under El Ezer Perelson, Deputy Mayor of Tel-Aviv, who would be called the Food Controller.

Another food convoy, the biggest yet to run the gauntlet of the Arab blockade of the Holy City—200 vehicles, carrying an estimated 600 tons of food, including special supplies for the Jewish holy festival of Passover—reached Jerusalem today, a Jewish source reported.

A proposed Royal Air Force operation to bomb the village of Beir Yassine, three miles from Jerusalem, where 250 Arab men, women and children were massacred by Iraqi and Stern Gang terrorists on Friday, was called off "when it became clear that the terrorists had left the village," the Palestine Government announced today.

It was understood that the bombing of the village was planned for Sunday. Men of the Haganah the Jewish defence force, are now occupying the village.

"SICKENING HYPOCRISY"

The Jewish Agency's expressions of horror and disgust at the massacre of Arabs in Palestine by Jewish terrorists were described by the Arab Office in London today as "meaningless and insincere".

They were so, it said, because the Jewish Agency was both indirectly and directly responsible for the terrorism in Palestine.

Its policy had encouraged terrorism. It had never done anything to check terrorism or help in apprehending the terrorists.

Referring to the massacre at Beir Yassine, the statement added: "For the Zionists to pretend now that the Iraqi atrocity was an act of private enterprise done by their left hand without the knowledge of their right is a sickening piece of hypocrisy."

"A fanatical aggressive nationalist movement which seeks by force that which does not belong to it by right must, in the end, resort to such methods," the statement added.

"Like Nazism, it will stop short of no horror or bestiality in seeking its end."—Reuter.

GOC'S CAR HIT

Jerusalem, Apr. 13.—Lieutenant General G. H. A. MacMillan, the General Officer Commanding, Palestine, was brought to Jerusalem from Kalanidia airport, five miles away, in an armoured car tonight, after his car had twice been hit by bullets during the Mount Scopus convoy battle.

No one was hurt. The car, escorted by jeeps, had gone to Kalanidia to pick up General MacMillan on his return from a flight to Haifa.—Reuter.

U.S. TRUCE PLAN

New York, Apr. 13.—An immediate cease fire and a standstill of all political activities are the main points of the truce plan for Palestine proposed by the United States today, it was learned here.

In a private meeting with the President of the Security Council, Dr Alfonso Lopez, Mr Warren Austin presented the following three main points:

1.—Cessation of all military activities and acts of violence immediately.

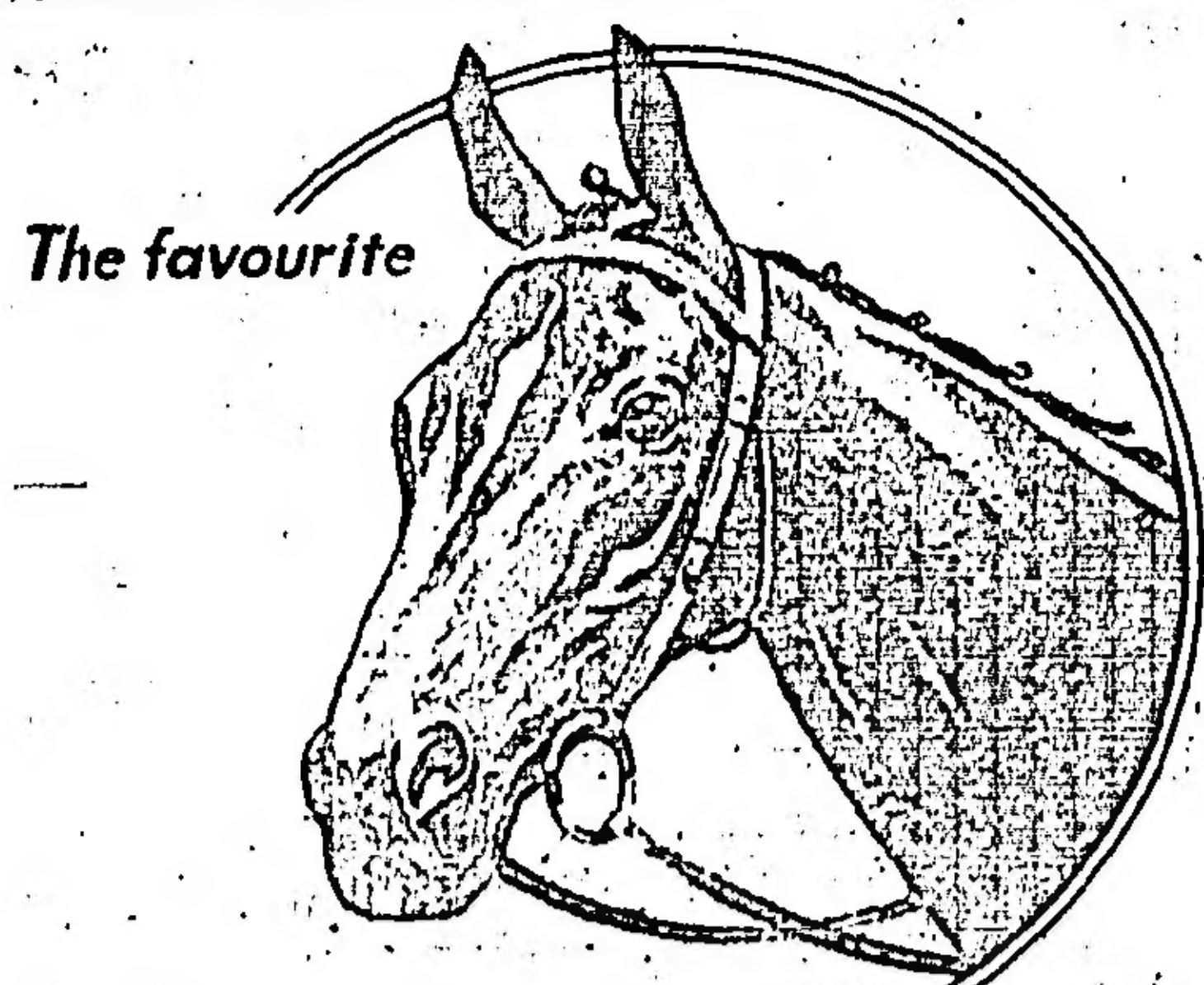
2.—The establishment by the Security Council of a truce commission which would go to Palestine and supervise any cease fire and would be being observed.

3.—A standstill on all political changes contemplated by both sides.

A political standstill means, in the view of observers here, that the Jews would be ordered by the Council to stop their plans to set up a Jewish Government and the Arab League would, in effect, also be told not to proceed with its reported plans to create an independent Arab Palestine Government.—Reuter.

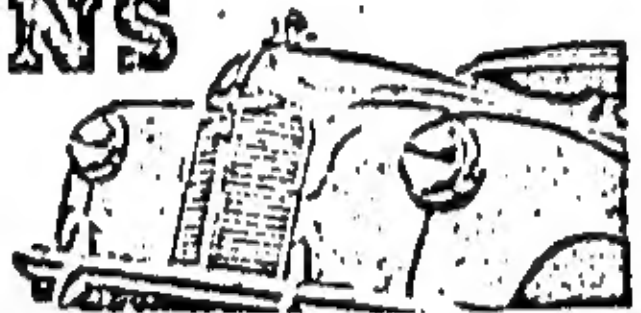
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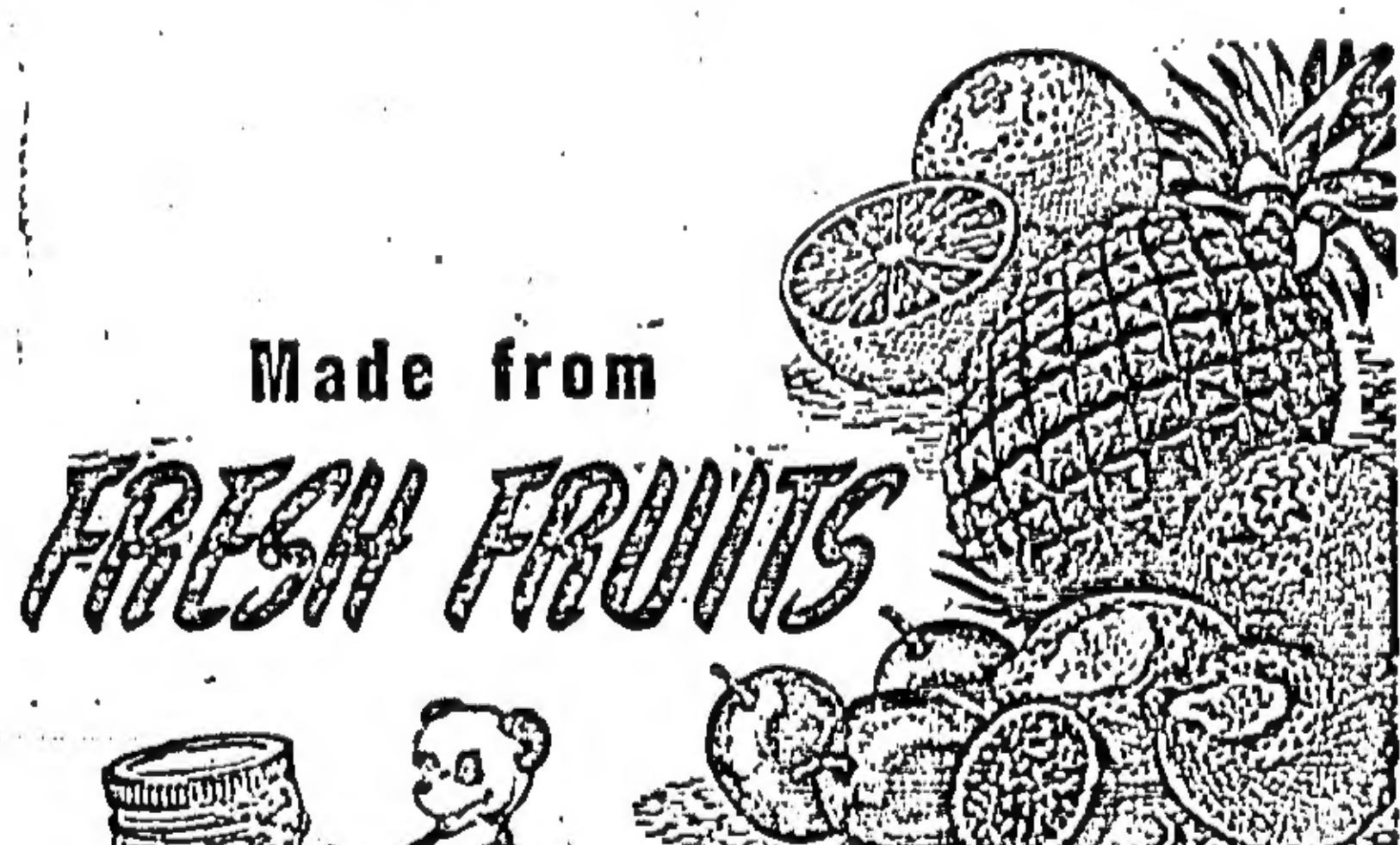
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Print frock of pure silk.

By GRACE THORNCLEIVE

THE SOFT easy-to-wear daytime dress that relies on colour and fabric, rather than on trimmings for its appeal is always a good wardrobe companion and is nice to wear all day except for formal occasions. Good for now that the warm weather is here. This nice little frock of pure silk is in gray blue with a neat geometric print in wine red. It features a low round neckline, short sleeves, and a set-in belt that ties in front above a full skirt. The only trimming on the dress is a stitched band running from neck to hem.

COMMON CHILDHOOD INFECTION

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

WHENEVER a child, particularly a girl, has a fever whose cause is not apparent, both doctor and parents should suspect pyelitis. This is an infection of that part of the kidney where the excretions collect before emptying into the bladder and it is one of the most common of the infections of childhood. Both boys and girls are affected, but the disorder occurs about ten times more often in girls.

Besides fever, the sudden occurrence of bed-wetting is suggestive of the disorder. In babies, the only observable symptoms may be vomiting and diarrhea.

When Symptoms Occur

For these reasons, whenever such symptoms occur, a microscopic examination of the urine should be made. If pyelitis is present, the urine may contain many white blood cells, as well as a small amount of albumin, which helps the doctor to determine the kind of germ producing the infection since it may be due to such various organisms as the colon bacillus, Staphylococcus or Streptococcus and treatment depends on the kind of infection present.

Every Four Hours

It is suggested, if the infection is due to colon bacilli, that one of the sulfonamide preparations be given at once. The drug is given, as a rule, every four hours, day and night. Of course, plenty of fluids should also be administered and the treatment continued for from four to six days, depending upon the severity of the illness. For three or four days after the drug has been stopped, the urine should be examined to find out whether or not all of the germs have disappeared. Then, in about two weeks, another examination should be made just to make sure that there is no recurrence of the infection.

Often, when such a blocking exists, surgical treatment is required to relieve it. The blocking may be in the form of a narrowing of the ureter which leads from the kidney to the bladder. Now and then there may be a stone present.

In those instances in which the infection is due to the Staphylococcus, penicillin is employed.

THE KITCHEN FRONT: NOODLES MADE IN MANY WAYS

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

WHENEVER you serve macaroni, spaghetti or noodles, the meal will be more attractive and healthful if dark bread is provided. Or if the portions of noodles are large, bread can be skipped, for both are made from wheat.

"Noodles are a wonderful food, that can be used in many ways," chimed in the Chef. "They can be used from soup to dessert. Noodle soup, noodles and cheese, stuffed noodles, noodle pudding, noodles polonaise."

"Wait a minute, what are those?" I interrupted.

Noodles Polonaise

"The Noodles Polonaise? They are the noodles cooked any way you like garnished with coarse bread crumbs fried in butter on top."

"In other words, crumbs fried in butter means Polonaise-style." "Oul, Madame. One thing to remember is not to boil noodles too long; when done they should respond to the bite of the teeth like spaghetti al dente. For puddings I like to cook the noodles in milk."

It's easy to fill up the family with plenty of noodles, but unless they are combined with meat or a meat alternate, the meal will contain too much starch. But that's no problem, for noodles are so bland they make a fine background for almost any food.

"How about noodles with left-over chopped ham or tongue baked in cream sauce?"

"Very good, Chef, they're also good baked with cream sauce and a half pound of canned salmon—makes the expensive salmon literally go round."

"And what about stuffed noodles?" he suggested.

"Oh, they're wonderful! Let's have them for dinner."

The Chef got into action. "We have everything needed. 1/2 lb. good baked with cream sauce and tomato paste and noodles; I shall make an Italian sauce in hurry-up style."

And to add a little more protein to balance the meal I suggested a custard sauce for our coffee gelatin.

DINNER

Beef Bouillon with Carrots
Stuffed Noodles

Italian Style Meat Sauce
Dark Bread Butter or Margarine

Lettuce Salad
Coffee Gelatin with Custard Sauce

Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
All Measurements Are Level

Recipes Serve Four
Beef Bouillon with Carrots

To make the bouillon add 3 tsp. beef extract to 4 c. boiling water. Season with 1/2 tsp. onion juice; add 1/4 c. coarse-grated carrots and boil 5 min. Then add 2 tsp. minced parsley and serve.

Stuffed Noodles

Without breaking, boil 1 lb. broad noodles until almost tender in salted water or soup stock. Then drain.

Meantime prepare a quick Italian style meat sauce to use in stuffing the noodles. Arrange in a layer of noodles 1/2 in. deep in a well oiled, 8 pt. baking dish. Cover this spread with a generous layer of Italian meat sauce. Sprinkle thickly with grated sharp cheese. Then repeat with a second layer of noodles, sauce and cheese; top with noodles.

CHIVALRY IS NOT DEAD

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Mrs. Onalce Timmer says chivalry isn't as dead as generally reported.

Mrs. Timmer, living from a sore leg, she received in a fall while running for a bus on a slippery street, exclaimed with a beam. "The men stepped over me instead of on me while climbing aboard the bus."

Women Longer-lived

New York—Women still have a better chance of living to an old age than men, statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. reported. In 1900, a white male infant had 40 chances in 100 of living to be 65; now his chances are 60 in 100. However, in 1900, a white female infant had 45 chances in 100 and now she has 75 chances in 100.

No Sale

Cincinnati—George W. Parks was charged with housebreaking because he made one little mistake.

Police said Parks entered the home of Mrs. Josie Davis and stole a quilt. He then walked next door and tried to sell it.

His prospective customer was Mrs. Davis, who was visiting there.

Cover thickly with grated sharp cheese. Dot with butter and slow bake 30 min. at 375 F. Then brown under the broiler.

Quick Italian Style Meat Sauce: Heat 2 tbsp. vegetable oil. Add 1/2 c. minced onion, 1 scallion minced garlic and 1/2 c. shredded green pepper. Sauté until the vegetables are soft but not brown. Then add 1 lb. chopped beef, hamburger steak, or equal parts of chopped pork and beef. Sauté till beginning to brown. Add 1 (10-oz.) can tomato paste, 1 c. hot water, 1/3 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper and 1/4 tsp. oregano or marjoram. Simmer about 20 min. Then use in preparing stuffed noodles.

Coffee Gelatin

Soak 1 envelope plain granulated gelatin in 2 tbsp. cold coffee for 5 min. Then heat 2 c. boiling coffee beverage. Add the gelatin and stir until dissolved. Add 1/4 c. sugar, and 1/4 tsp. vanilla. Turn into a mould and chill until stiff about 4 hrs. Serve with plain cream, sweetened whipped cream, or with custard sauce. This dessert can be made with coffee left-over for 2 or 3 days and kept in a jar in the refrigerator until used.

Custard Sauce: Scald 1 c. milk in a double boiler. Meantime slightly beat 1 egg. Blend in 2 tbsp. sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt, a few grains salt and 1 tsp. milk. Stir into the scalded milk. Cook and stir about 3 min. or until the custard is thick like cream and coats the spoon. Remove from the double boiler; add 1/4 tsp. vanilla, beat with a hand beater to blend, cover and cool quickly.

To unmould gelatin, turn the mould upside down on a serving plate. Dip the mould in very hot water; wring out, wrap it around the mould and hold for a few seconds. The mould can then be lifted off.

Use Light Hand with Make-Up



The light touch is very important in applying eye make-up. In using an eyebrow pencil, make a neat line at base of lashes; blend.

By HELEN FOLLETT

COMMERCIAL blushes are coy and modest. The girl who sees eye to eye with beauticians who tell us to soft pedal on make-up gives a light sweep of the rouge pad over her cheek bones and lets it go at that.

The squeeze-gee eyebrow has chilled its term as a beauty frenzy, and is neatly streamlined with no wayfarers spoiling the clear-cut pattern.

Many Shades

The lipstick? You have your choice of many shades and tones. But don't select blindly. If you like a true red, go to it, but apply only a light film. There are bronzy reds that look grand with a skin that is creamy of coloring, wine shades that "do something" for the blonde duckies.

If you haven't experimented with eye shadows, why not give yourself a try-out? It is fun, and you may hit upon a happy make-up note. It is safest to choose a colour that is

closest to the colour of your eyes, if they are blue, green or hazel. The brown-eyed beauty seeker will find a soft French blue becoming. In all cases the application should subtly intensify eye beauty without being detected. Of course shadows are only for evening wear.

Our Rule

There is one rule to be kept in mind when indulging in shadows. They should be applied to the upper lid only and should be kept off the bony structure immediately above the eye. Stop well short of the eyebrow. The right place is that little groove that you can feel with your finger when your eyes are closed.

Start at the inner corner of the lid, sweep outward. Do not extend the pigment beyond the far terminal of the eyebrow. Do careful blending along the edges of the application. One must be a smarty at this job.

As a final touch to eye make-up, some girls like to use an eyebrow pencil along the base of the lashes. With a sharp pencil make a neat line which extends to a V at the outer corners of each eye.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Teddy Bear Studies Astronomy

—And He Makes Friends With the North Star—

By MAX TRELL

TEDDY, the Stuffed Bear, looked at the stars through the playroom window. Then he turned to Mary-Jane the rag-doll and exclaimed: "Mary-Jane! One of them just winked at me!"

"Oh no," said Mary-Jane. "A star wouldn't wink at you!"

"But it did! I saw it!"

Mary-Jane said stars just winked. They didn't wink at anybody in particular.

Star Winked

"This star winked right at me," Teddy insisted. "I was looking at it, and it winked!"

Teddy and Mary-Jane both asked Mr. Punch, who was sitting in his rocking-chair reading a book, whether stars winked at anybody in particular.

Mr. Punch laid down his book and smiled. "Well," he said, "it all depends. Most of the time they just wink at each other. They're all up there in the sky together. If it's a fine night they like to let each other know how happy they feel. They can't very well talk—"

"No, they can't," admitted Mary-Jane.

"So they just wink. But now and then they wink at folks below, especially folks that are all alone somewhere. They like them to know that they have a friend up in the sky. It's very nice." Mr. Punch went on, "to know you have a friend up in the sky who's always in a place where you can find him. I'm very good friends with most of the stars right now!"

Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, and Mary-Jane both asked eagerly about what stars Mr. Punch was such good friends with.

Knows Them All

"Well," replied Mr. Punch, "there's the Dipper family. I know them all. No matter where I am, I can recognize them. I look up and see them twinkling down at me, as merry as fireflies. Then I know the Orion family."

"O'Ryan family, Mr. Punch?" said Teddy the Stuffed Bear.



Teddy thought a star winked at him.

"It sounds like O'Ryan but it's Orion," said Mr. Punch. "They're mostly in the sky in the winter-time. It's always pleasant to see them, and I think they like to see me. And then there's the Milky Way family... hundreds and thousands of them, all in a big stream across the sky. Then there's the Dog Star family and the Twins, and the Lady-Who-Sits-in-A-Chair."

"What funny names," said Mary-Jane.

A Little Star

"The stars don't mind," said Mr. Punch. "They don't care what you call them, as long as you know them. And my best friend of all among the stars is a little star that everyone ought to get acquainted with as soon as he can."

"What is its name?" Teddy wanted to know.

"The North Star. It isn't big. It isn't always easy to find when you first look for it. There... there it is!" Mr. Punch said, pointing out of the window, straight to the north.

"There's a star that every sailor knows, and it's the finest friend a sailor, or anyone else, can have. Because no matter where you are—on the sea, or in a forest, or in a city—the North Star always tells you—This way is north! And when you know where north is, you can't get lost."

"Look!" cried Teddy. "It's twinkling at us now!"

"That's because it's glad you've made it your friend," said Mr. Punch.



THREE BROTHERS

THREE brothers have sent Aunt Peggy recipes. All of the recipes are good, but Aunt Peggy has room for only one. It is choosing the simplest recipe. The choice was made because any boy or girl can try it, and it sounds very good.

The recipe is that of Morgan Thomas, age 7.

The recipe is for chocolate flavoured bread pudding:

2 cups dry crumbs

1/2 cup sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 egg

2 tablespoons cocon

2 cups scalded milk

Baked in buttered cups.

DOUGHNUTS

Mary Alice Brown, an 11-year-old girl, sends a recipe for doughnuts which she thinks "every boy and girl will enjoy making."

1 1/2 cups flour

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon flavouring

1 egg

1/3 cup sugar

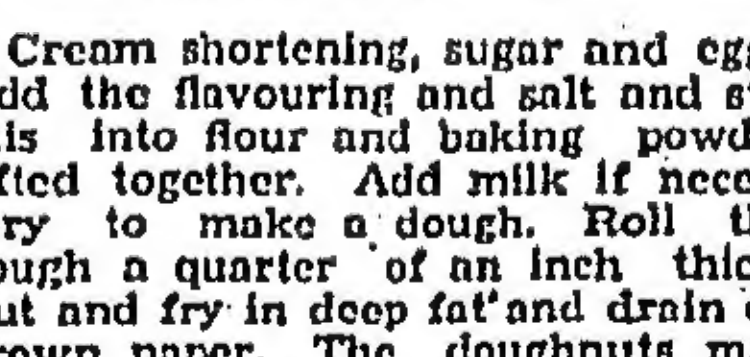
2 tablespoons shortening

2 tablespoons milk

Cream shortening, sugar and eggs.

Add the flavouring and salt and stir this into flour and baking powder sifted together. Add milk if necessary to make a dough. Roll the dough a quarter of an inch thick. Cut and fry in deep fat and drain on brown paper. The doughnuts may be dusted with powdered sugar.

Rupert helps Dr. Lion—11

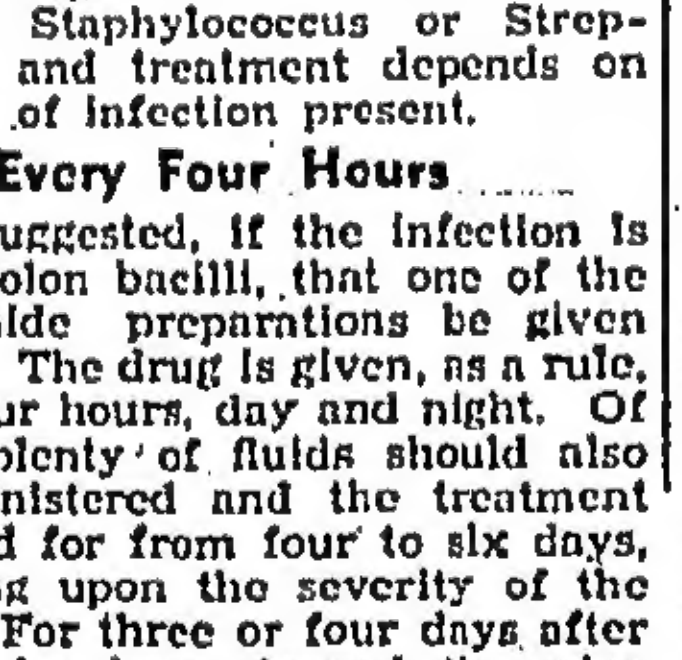


Reaching the Professor's house, Rupert rings the bell and for a long time nothing happens. Then the door opens and the Professor's dwarf servant appears with a thick scarf round his neck and looking very unwell. "My master's in no state to see visitors," wheezes the dwarf. "and I've never heard of anyone making the sun to shine. But I must stand out here in the cold. You'd better ask him for yourself." And he leads the way indoors.

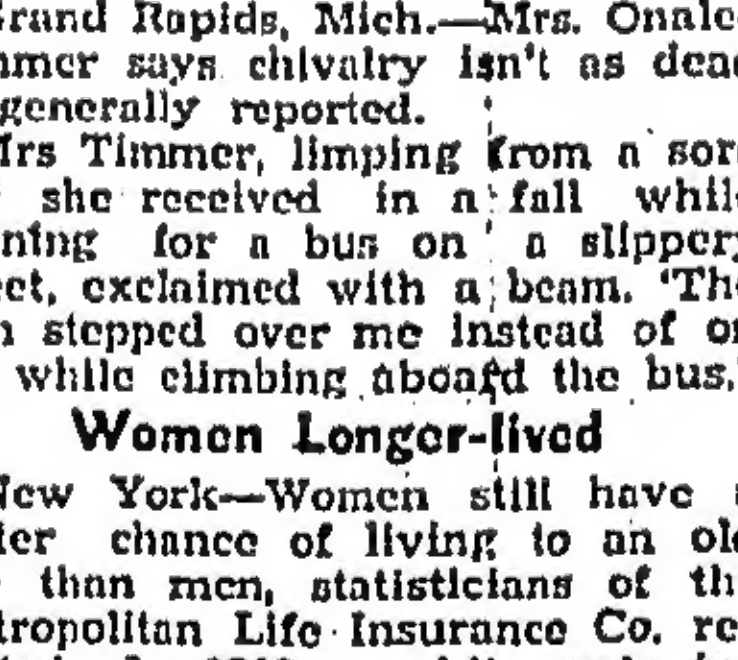
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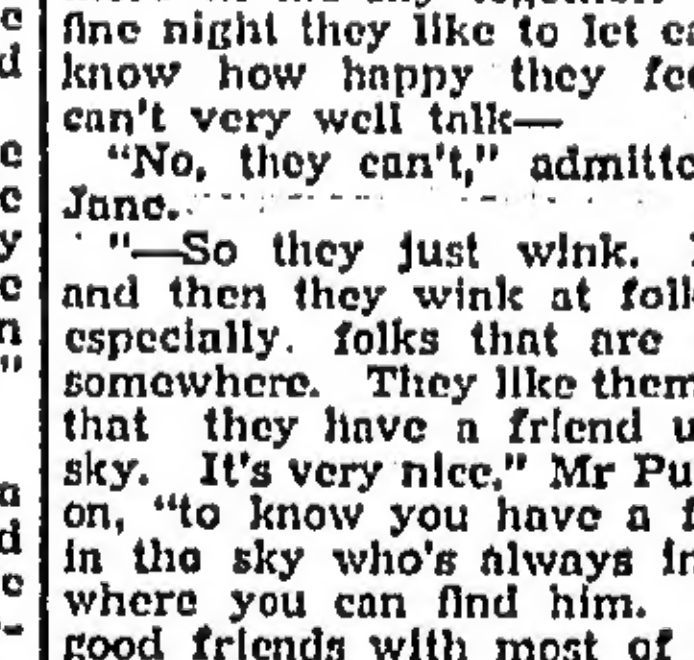
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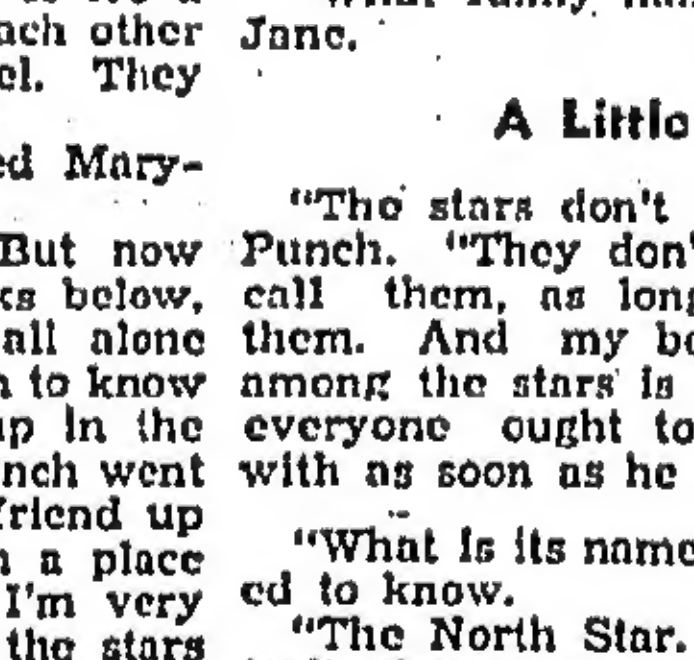
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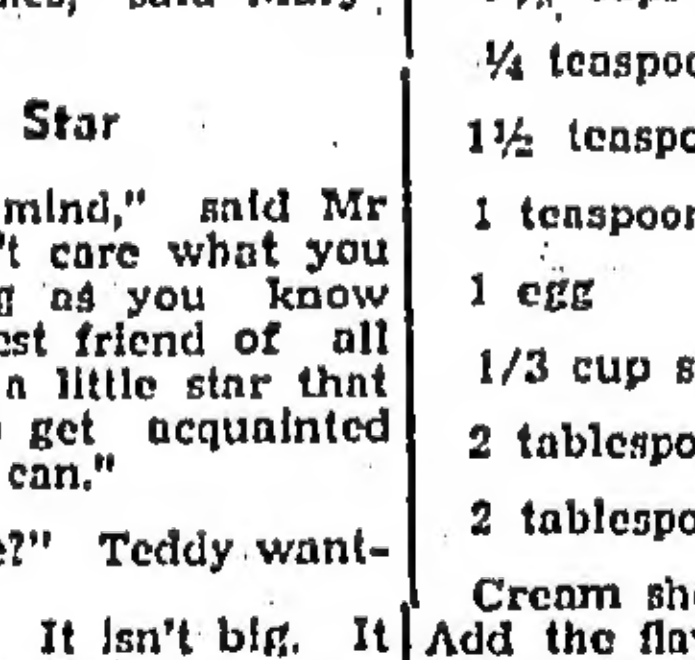
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BY FRED HARMAN

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



MELANIE MAKES CAMERA DEBUT—Making their first appearance together before a camera are Deborah Kerr, British cinema star, and her 10-week-old daughter, Melanie Jane Bartley. Their husband and father is Anthony Bartley, former RAF pilot.



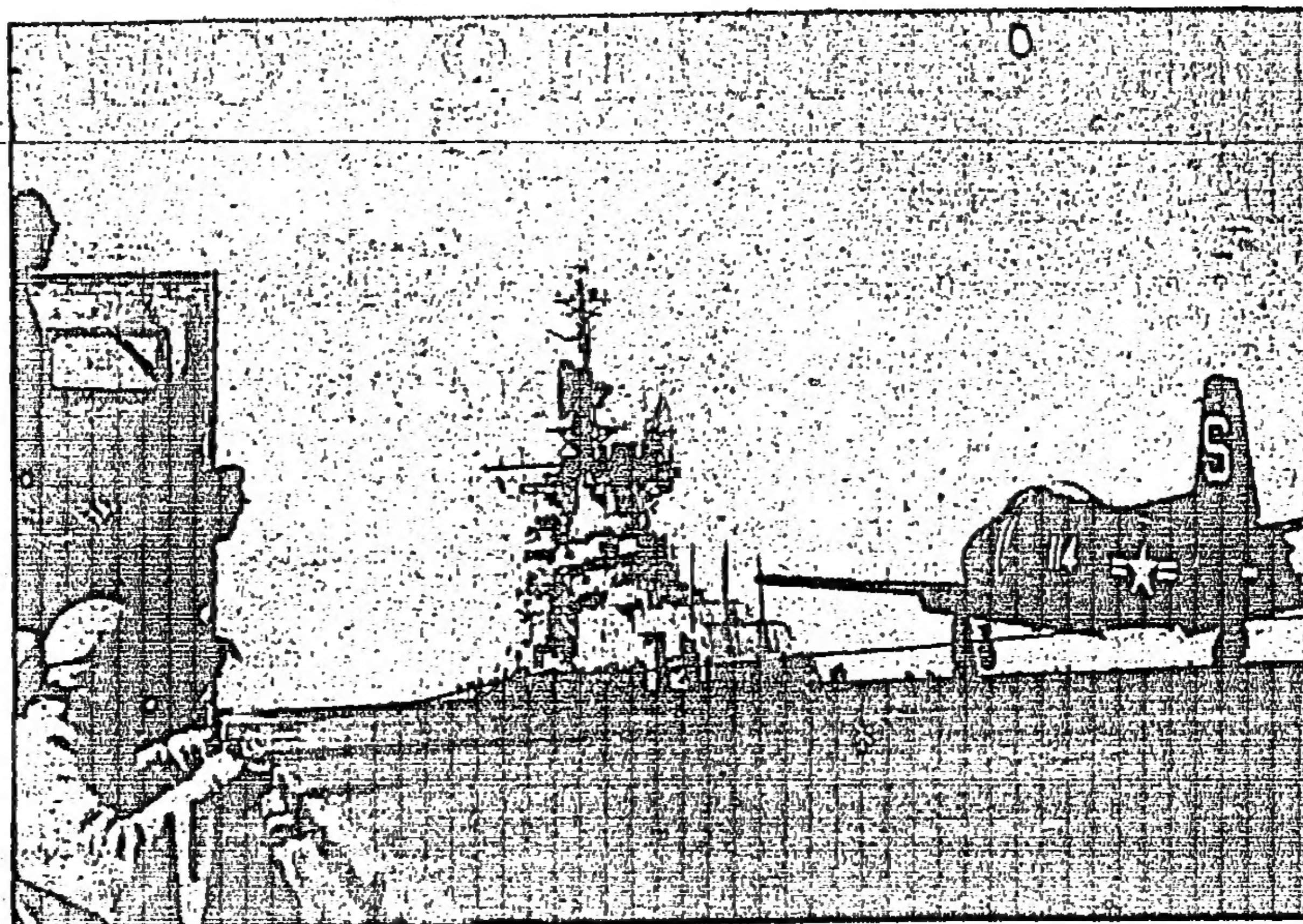
FIERY JERUSALEM—Volunteer Jews fight a fire that broke out in the Jewish shopping district in Jerusalem after a bombing.



LEARNS THE HARD WAY—Paul Jones, Public Information Director for the National Safety Council in Chicago, had just finished judging a safety contest on the "perils of falling on the ice" when he slipped on a patch of ice himself, and fell flat. Results: double fracture of the arm, a very red face.



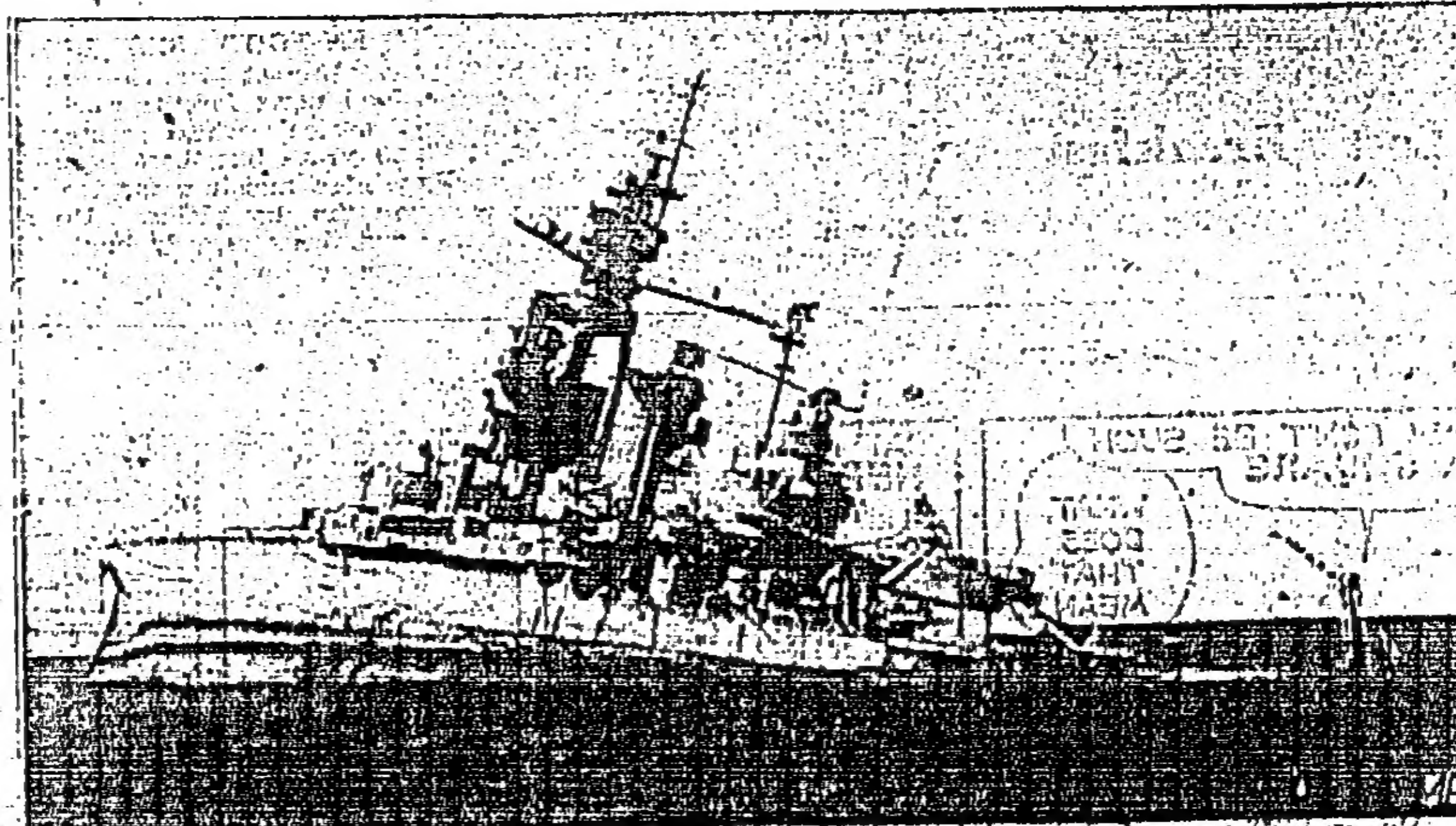
PAPANEK ASSAILS RUSSIA—Jan Papanek (seated right) addresses the United Nations Security Council at Lake Success, declaring that Russia engineered the Communist coup in his native Czechoslovakia. "God help me, I shall prove this to you," asserted the man unsated by the Czech Government from the Security Council. Seated left is Andrei A. Gromyko (dark glasses), Soviet delegate.



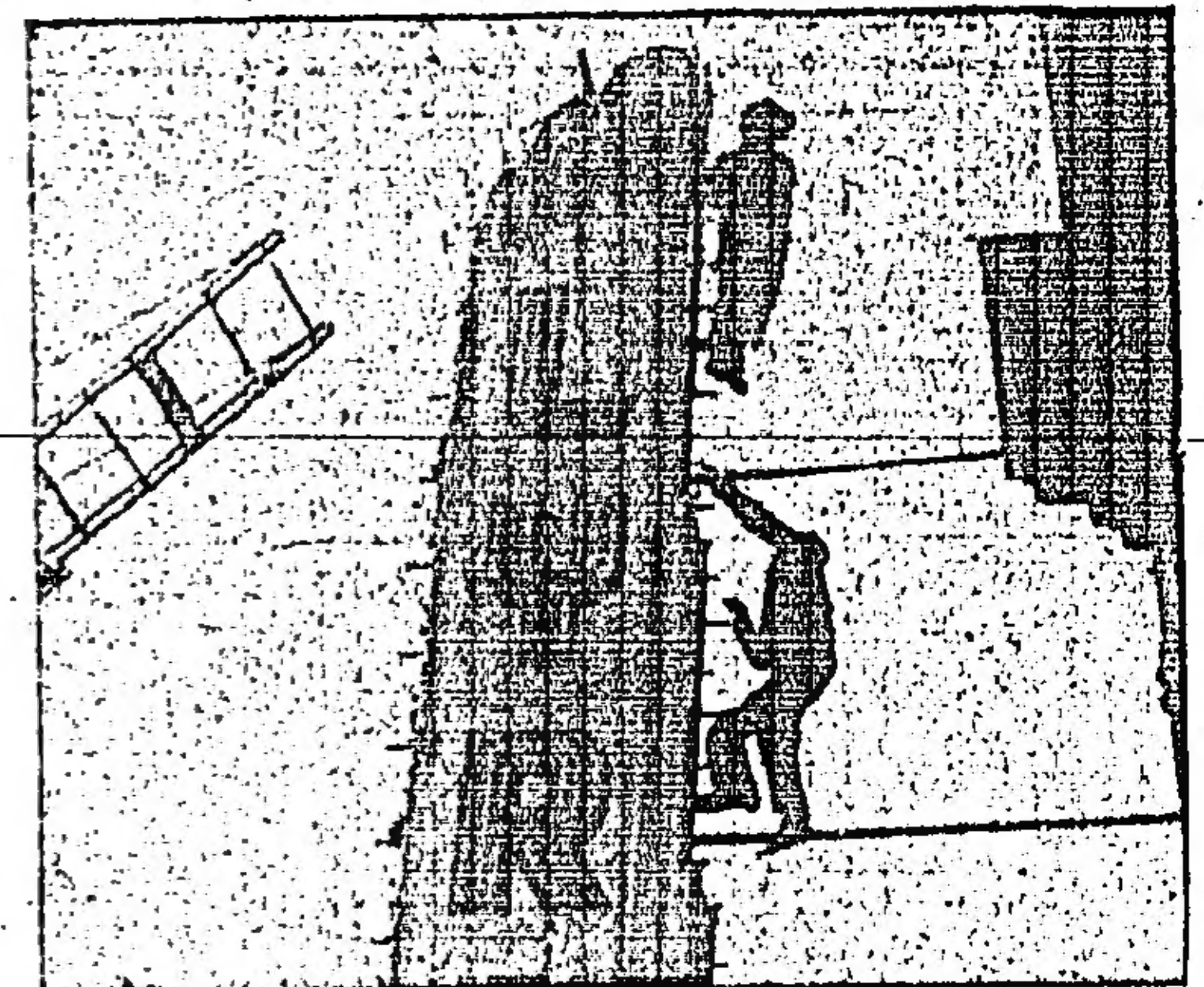
CARRIER JETS—The first jet plane ever to land on a carrier comes in on the flight deck of the USS Boxer during manoeuvres at sea. The plane's landing speed was over 100 miles an hour, but the pilot managed the landing perfectly and caught the first wire. The jet is the FJ-1—"Fury." It is launched by means of a catapult.



FINNISH CABINET MEETS—Finland's Premier, Mauno Pekkala (centre), is flanked by Foreign Minister Carl Enckell (left) and Agriculture Minister Vihtori Vesterinen during a meeting of the Finnish Cabinet in Helsinki to consider steps to meet Russia's request for a friendship and mutual assistance pact.



VETERAN BATTLESHIP SUNK—The 32-year-old U.S. battleship, Pennsylvania, goes down by the stern after being towed from Kwajalein lagoon and deemed unseaworthy. The 33,000-ton veteran of two wars and traditional flagship of the U.S. Pacific Fleet was a target ship in the Bikini atomic bomb tests.



FRIGHTENED WOMAN RESCUED—A frightened woman who said she was Mrs. Theresa Lee, 34, of San Diego, California, is rescued from a 75-foot high theatre sign in Salt Lake City. She reached it from a hotel room.



MOVING DAY AT THE ZOO—Roger Conant, left, curator of the Philadelphia Zoo, and his aides move a huge Indian python to new quarters. The snake is about 18 feet long.

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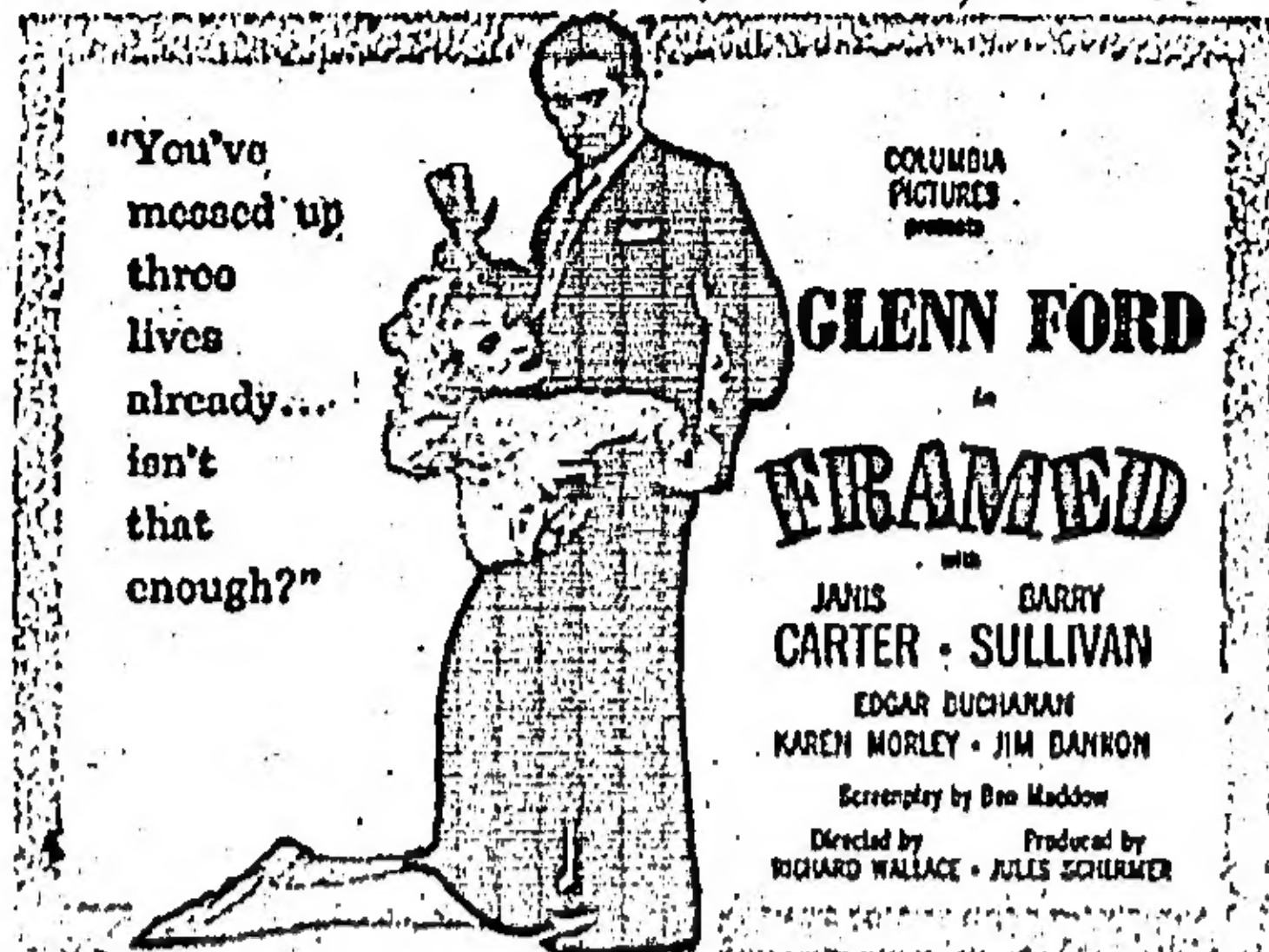
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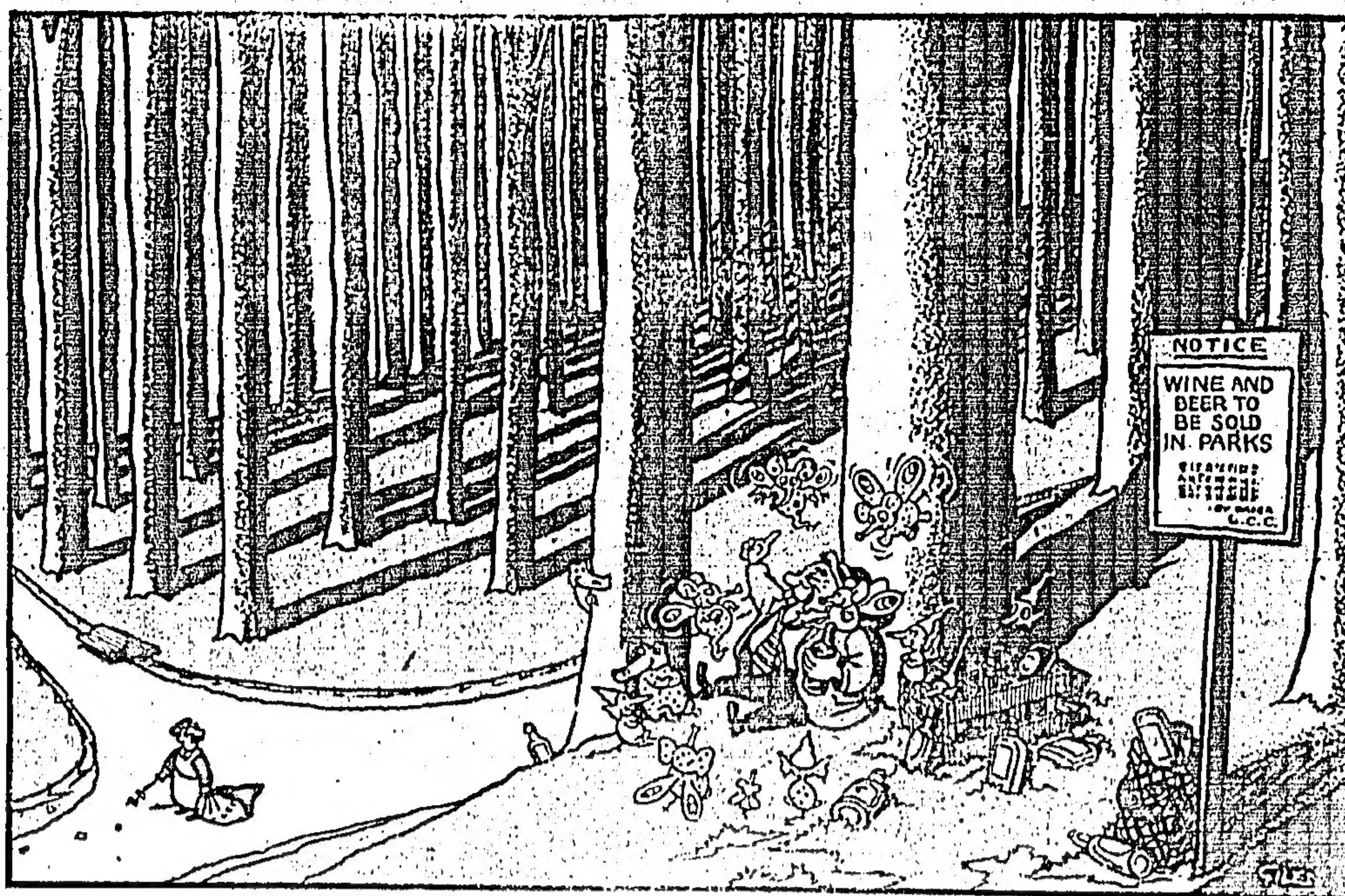
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Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:

Sitting on the

Fence
by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

MARCH 25 was the date. At 3.7 a.m. precisely. At that uncomfortable moment the world was to end and Sheffield was to be the new Jerusalem.

This information was sent in by a Sheffield reader somewhere around last Christmas time. Usually prophecies of this kind, which arrive with the same regularity as chain letters, go straight into the waste-paper basket—together with the chain letters.

Most of them are mathematical efforts concerned with measurements inside and outside the Pyramids, and get mixed up, so far as one can make out, with astronomy and the Book of Revelations.

The others are almost entirely concerned with zoology and dream interpretations, lions fighting bears, eagles swooping on serpents, and horses galloping madly about the heavens in a kind of celestial Grand National.

The message from Sheffield said no more than this:—
"The world will end on March 25, 1948, at 3.7 a.m. Sheffield will be the new Jerusalem. You have been warned, but you won't believe it."

Maybe it was the uncompromising brevity of the message which kept it out of the waste-paper basket. It was also quite a change to read an end of the world prophecy without a reference either to animals or the Pyramids.

Then, as the thing hung around for some time, the date, March 25, was looked up in the calendar and it turned out to be a Thursday.

Of course it would be a Thursday. Thursday is the one day in the week your Uncle Nat reserves to write his column.

Thursday is also the day when there is a weekly conspiracy to stop him writing it. If a plumber ever calls it is on a Thursday. If the lights fuse it is on a Thursday, and the electrician usually calls the following Thursday to put them right.

People throw parties on Thursdays. It is also the day for old friends to turn up.

Relatives fall ill on Thursdays and have their teeth out. Final demands for income tax arrive on Thursdays. On Thursdays pipes freeze up, influenza knocks you out, dogs go mad and bark all day and night.

Therefore it was no surprise to your Uncle Nat that the world was ending on a Thursday. In fact he rather expected it.

That is why he is writing this on a Wednesday, to be on the safe side.

It is Wednesday, March 24. The time is 9.7 a.m. precisely with 18 hours to go.

Last Breakfast
So, if this Sheffield reader turns out to be right, it's all been for nothing.

Ending with this last column when nobody will read, there has been no point in doing anything, saying anything, thinking about anything, arguing about anything right from the start.

There has been no point in suffering fools patiently, if not gladly; no point in listening to bores without smashing them over the head with a bottle; no point in paying taxes and keeping faith with creditors; no point in holding honest opinions and sticking to them; no point in enduring and overcoming; no point at all in achievement, hard work, integrity, charity or any of the accepted virtues.

The only people who have been winning out all these centuries are the crooks and the bums. The rest have been fooling themselves since somebody told them they had a conscience.

Well, that's all over now so far as your Uncle Nat is concerned. Eighteen hours is a short time to live an entirely different life and behave according to the urgings of grosser instincts. But 18 hours will have to do.

First, the last breakfast. No more holding back and saying, "No, I don't think I'll have an egg this morning, as I had mine on Monday."

Your Uncle will either order the family's entire bacon-and-egg ration for the week to be put on one plate (his) or he will lock himself in the kitchen, cook the lot and eat it himself.

He will also eat most of the family's butter ration, hiding the rest away for his last lunch.

Then he will retire to his room and tear up cheques made out in favour of Mr. Bloodsucker, the income tax collector. Another cheque will then be written out for the same amount in favour of Self. This he will cash at the bank and begin a tour of the taverns.

In the taverns he will be the complete cad, forcing drinks on people who don't want them, talking about himself at the top of his voice, butting into other people's conversation and insulting small weak men who can't hit back.

After a couple of hours of this he will be in the right mood to return home and fight the women for half the week's meat ration for three—three cutlets. And what a fight that will be. No holds barred, no quarter, with a little under 24 hours to go before the end of the world.

Leaving the women bleeding and unconscious in the dining room your Uncle will then spend a happy afternoon ringing up all the people he

hates but who have so far been protected from insult by his thin veneer of civilisation.

"Hullo, is that X?"
"Yes, who is it?"
"Gubbins."
"Oh, hullo."
"Hullo, you rotten, stinking crook."
"You heard, you filthy, crawling, misbegotten son of a she ape."
"Look here, I say."
"Get off the line. I have other replies to ring up."

Last dinner

THIS sort of thing will be done over and over again. Short and long distance with no thought of the bill that will never be paid. And when the last insult has been hurled over the wires your Uncle Nat will dress himself in his

best suit ready for his last dinner at the local hotel.

If the women have regained consciousness they can have the last tin of sardines for their supper. For your Uncle it will be champagne and a double helping of everything, obtained by open bribery.

What a pleasure it will be to sit there drinking and listening to fools talking in the last hours of the world—old men chattering rubbish about politics and too much money chasing too few goods, young women yelling at each other for the benefit of young men, and discussing whether or not they will show less of their bony English bodies by adopting the new look.

Yes, you're right. By 3.7 a.m. they'll get a new look.

Then the stars will sway in the heavens and white-hot winds will blow across the oceans and the continents; and the sun will rush towards the earth, burning and shrieking every living thing; and boiling tidal waves will wash the ashes of the world away.

At midnight your Uncle Nat will commit his first theft. He will steal a bottle of brandy from the hotel, drink it in bed and be sound asleep by 3.7 a.m.

P.S.—How's Sheffield looking this morning?

AMERICAN ANGLE:

MISSOURI HAS THE ST LOUIS BLUES

By C. V. R. THOMPSON

NEW YORK. President Truman's native State, has had an attack of St. Louis blues. For years it has been planning a fitting memorial to its part in American history—the starting place of the covered wagon treks to open up the West.

It found the answer—a 500-foot modernistic arch of stainless steel to be built in a St. Louis park. Cost: \$27,500,000.

But now Gilmore Clarke, chairman of the Fine Arts Commission, alleged that the arch, designed by Eero Saarinen, a young Michigan artist, is similar to one Mussolini wanted to put up in Rome to celebrate 20 years of Fascism.

Missouri's top architect, William Wurster, said: This would mean you couldn't plant a linden tree because the Under den Linden is German. Saarinen said: It is the simplest and purest form we could think of for a gateway.

Missouri says: Oh dear!

TEN-FOOT SNOWDRIFTS
Kansas prairies mean good food news for the world. Kansas is today by the Congress Judiciary Committee. Under the present complicated system of voting, says Representative Ed Gossett, or ganised minorities hold a balance of power far greater than warranted by their numbers.

The Chicken DID Come Before the Egg!

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

ONE of my hens, Dizzy by name, laid me a special egg for Easter. It was perfectly round and no bigger than a nutmeg. My wife served it for my breakfast in the biggest egg-cup we have.

By correctly prophesying that it would contain only "white," I recovered some of my scientific prestige—low in the family circle after my statement that a mare was unlikely to win the Grand National.

Technically, I pointed out, the thing was not an egg at all. And, for that matter, neither is the normal product of a hen's labours.

The round ball usually called the yolk is the real egg or ovum. The four layers of albumen and the three-layered shell are extras.

RARE TWINS

THE odds against Dizzy's next egg having no ovum are about 1,100 to 1. There is one chance in 500 that she will make up for her lapse by slipping two ova in the next shell, giving what my wife calls a double-yolked egg, but what is really twins.

Anyway, it wasn't lack of an ovum that made Dizzy lay her Easter special. Like any normal hen she carries the germs of about 4,000 eggs, and so far, in five months' laying, has produced only 86.

COLOUR TEST

THE colour of the yolk has nothing to do with the breed of the hen. It depends on what the hen has been eating. You can get orange yolks by feeding hens on cabbage, greenish ones by giving them linseed meal, and brown yolks by letting the hens eat acorns.

Not so with the shell. You cannot alter the colour of the shell by switching the rations, but hens laying brown eggs produce shells of lighter shade at the end of the laying season.

Shell colour is not a guide to quality. Whatever its shade on the outside a two-bounce fresh egg yields about 167 calories, and a quarter of an ounce of protein.

Yet some housewives prefer brown eggs and other women pay more for white ones.

It is like picking a horse by the colour of the jockey's shirt I told my wife. Then remembering that my views on horses are not popular, I hastily added that egg judges at poultry shows—mostly men—are equally unscientific.

They attach such importance to shell colour that fakers spend days before a show trying to dye their eggs the winning shade. The real job of the shell is to stop the egg being squashed when the hen sits on it and to provide calcium for the chick's bones.

BAD EGG

AS the chick develops it takes in air through fine pores in the shell. It is because the egg has to be porous for breathing that it goes bad so easily. The air takes moulds in with it. You stop this by plugging the pores when you preserve eggs in water-glass.

Every egg contains some air of its own in a special compartment at the broad end, but this is not used until the day before hatching.

On its 20th day of incubation the chick pushes its beak into this before a show trying to dye their eggs the winning shade. The real job of the shell is to stop the egg being squashed when the hen sits on it and to provide calcium for the chick's bones.

It fills its lungs with air and starts moving round. It quickly realises that it is cramped for space and if you listen at the shell, you can hear it clamouring for freedom.

Eggs, it appears, taste good to flu germs. They are one of the few things on which the germs will thrive outside the human body. Flu-inoculated eggs are used to make anti-flu vaccines for men and women.

AT LAST!

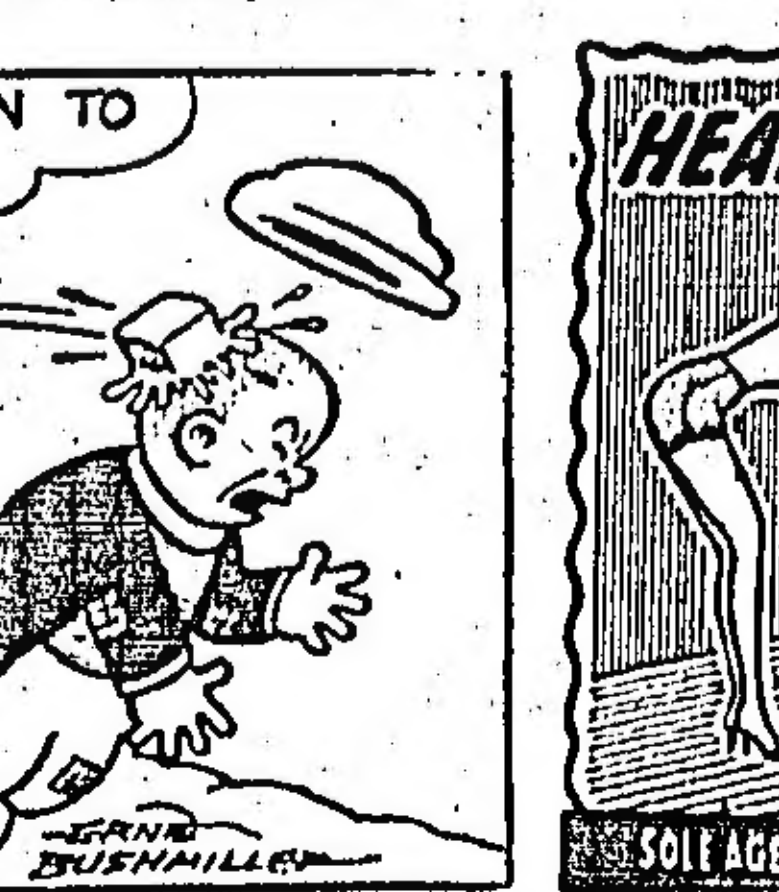
WITH all this knowledge you still do not know whether the chicken or the egg came first, my wife glibbed.

"If by the egg you mean the chicken's egg I can assure you that the chicken came first," I replied.

The chicken is descended from the Indian jungle-fowl. Some time long ago there must have been a bird hatched from the egg of a jungle-fowl which was so different from its ancestors that it had to be called something else. That was the first chicken.

The answer to the question, "Where did the chicken come from?" is: "From the egg of a jungle-fowl!"

NANCY On the Beam



By Ernie Bushmiller



Unlawful Maternity Home

DISCOVERY IN TEMPLE ST.

An unregistered maternity home in Temple Street, first floor, was located by the Medical Authority following information given by a Chinese woman dying of child birth at the Kwong Wah Hospital in February.

A health officer visited the home at 101, Temple Street, first floor, and found the place furnished as a maternity ward with five beds and a pregnant mother awaiting her labour.

Following the discovery, Im Mow-kwan, a woman of 47, was charged before Mr. Latimer at Kowloon this morning with two counts of operating an unregistered maternity home and practising as a midwife while not having been duly registered with the Medical Authority. She admitted the charges and was fined \$450.

Prosecuting, Inspector J. M. Forrest said that he visited the premises again yesterday and found that the home had been sold to a registered midwife for \$2,000. The premises had been re-decorated. The defendant was well known to and well thought of by the poor class people in Yau-mat district. She had been practising as a midwife during the Japanese occupation period, and after the liberation she submitted an application for registration but was refused by the Medical Authority because she did not have the qualification and the premises were not suitable for such use.

Gold Bars Among Tooth Brushes

A party of Revenue Officers under RO Humphreys carried out a search on a T.A.T. plane at Kai Tak airport on April 8 when the plane was about to take off for Bangkok. As a result, four boxes of tooth brushes were seized and taken back to the Import and Export Department. On examination, 16 gold bars valued at approximately \$25,000 and 200,000 piastres were found concealed in the boxes.

Chan Kit-ye, 28, of Des Voeux Road Central who claimed to be owner of the cargo was charged before Mr. d'Almeida at Central this morning with exporting gold without a permit and attempting to export foreign currency.

Mr. Hin Shing Lo pleaded guilty on behalf of the defendant.

Defendant was cautioned on the first charge and fined \$100 on the second charge. The gold was ordered to be confiscated, but no order was made respecting the currency.

Colony Tennis Championship Arrangements

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn, prewar title holders, and Tsui Wan-pui, present holders, will meet in the quarter-finals of the Open Tennis Doubles championship of the Colony on the Stand Court of the HKCC tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

On Friday, at the same time, Lee Wan-long and P. T. Hsu will meet Patsy Kong and Ip Koon-hung also in the quarter-finals.

Entrance will be \$2 to the stand and \$1 to the enclosure.

Next week on Monday and Tuesday the semi-finals of the Open Singles will be decided.

On Wednesday and Thursday will be played the Open Doubles semi-finals with the Open Singles final on Friday. The Open Doubles final will be played on Monday, April 20.

All semi-finals and finals will start at 4.30 p.m. sharp and the entrance charge will be \$2 to the stand and \$2 to the enclosure.

Demand Money With Menaces

Two unemployed Chinese Ng Kam-hung, 21, and Chan Chi-hung, 23, were both sentenced to 18 months' hard labour by Mr. d'Almeida at Central this morning.

On three counts of demanding money with menaces from three different complainants at Wanchai district between April 7 and 8.

Detective Sub-Inspector R. MacKenzie prosecuting, said that on April 8, a cobbler Leung Siu met Police constable 1572 in Fleming Road and reported that two men had demanded \$20 from him stated to be collecting for the Police Hawker Squad. During the conversation with the constable the two defendants walked passed the road and were arrested.

Subsequent enquiries revealed that defendants were also responsible for demanding \$10 from Tong To at Hennessy Road near House No. 185 the same day and \$5 from Teung Pak-ling at Spring Garden Lane near Johnston Road on April 7.

PAULA BY DENNIS WHEATLEY



Sentences In Excess Of Jurisdiction

APPEAL COURT FINDINGS

An appeal against their conviction on two counts of demanding money with menaces and being members of an unlawful society, on the ground that the Magistrate's decision was against the weight of evidence, was brought by five men before Mr Justice Williams in the Appeal Court this morning.

The appellants, So Kam, alias Fel-chai Kam, So Yau, Mo Hung-wai, Lau Chi-pui, a former member of the Fire Brigade, and Wong Wah-choi, were convicted by Mr J. G. Conklin (Second Magistrate, Central) on December 20, 1947, and sentenced on the two counts to 15 months, two years, 21 months, 15 months and 15 months respectively, and also recommended for life banishment. They have been in custody since.

Evidence adduced before the Magistrate was that all five men were arrested in a tea-house in West Point where they had gathered and where So Kam and So Yau had demanded \$50 from Chan Ping-kwan as entrance fee to join the Yu Tong Society, falling which Chan was warned would not be permitted to continue his employment as an ironmonger's shop in Kennedy Town.

Mr C. A. S. Russ appeared for the first two appellants and Mr A. el Arculli for the other three. Mr J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector G. E. Wilkerson, was for the Crown.

'UTTERLY UNCONSCIONABLE' Mr Russ submitted that on the evidence before him, the Magistrate might have convicted his clients on a charge of intimidation, as undoubtedly the men were rough and rude towards the complainant, but he was not prepared to find them guilty of being members of a Triad Society. The sentences passed on the appellants, he contended, were 'utterly unconscionable'.

According to the facts, as alleged by his clients, they used to get work from a certain contractor, but one day the contractor engaged other co-ops, and that did not meet with their approval. Mr Russ continued, 'His clients were members of a firecracker association, a benevolent organisation which provided firecrackers for use at funerals, and they were not members of a Triad Society. The cards found on the men were their membership cards for their association only.'

Mr Russ then dealt with the law on Triad Societies and recounted the procedure followed in former days when such societies were prevalent. He submitted that in the present case the evidence to prove his clients were members of such a society was insufficient for a conviction.

Counsel asked his Lordship to quash the conviction on the charge of being members of an unlawful society, and to reconsider the sentence passed on the charge of demanding money with menaces.

His Lordship replied that it appeared to him that the maximum sentence that could be passed on the count of being members of an unlawful society was one of six months with the option of a fine.

NO EVIDENCE, PLEA

Mr Arculli said his case was different from that of the other two men. In his submission, whatever might be the jurisdiction of the Magistrate in awarding sentences, they were, as Mr Russ had said, unconscionable. There was not the slightest evidence in the Court below that any of his clients took part in the demand for money with menaces or that they were members of a Triad Society or any society at all. Mr Arculli declared. The evidence before the Court only showed that the men were in a tea-house, presumably at the same table as the other two men, but there was nothing to show that they took part in the demand. It was probable that the Magistrate thought that because they were with the others that they were also guilty. There was also the fact that nothing to incriminate the appellants of being members of a Triad Society was found in their possession.

Counsel asked that the convictions against his clients be quashed.

Replying for the Crown, Mr Reynolds, dealing with the jurisdiction of a Magistrate to give a sentence in excess of six months on the charge of being members of an unlawful society, admitted that the extended jurisdiction given to Magistrates did not extend to that Ordinance, and consequently the sentence was given without jurisdiction.

Crown Counsel submitted that on the evidence before the Magistrate, the first two appellants were clearly guilty of both offences. He further submitted that the Yu Tong Society, was an unlawful association, and there was evidence that the

demand for money was made in order to force the complainant to join the society, otherwise the complainant would be subject to a beating.

A WEAK CASE

Mr Reynolds agreed the Crown case against Mr Arculli's clients was weak, but if his Lordship was satisfied that the men took part in the demand for money in order to force the complainant to join an unlawful society, that was sufficient evidence on which a Magistrate might convict. There was also sufficient evidence to convict on the other count if the Court was satisfied that the men were with the other two appellants when the demand was made.

Giving his decision, Mr Justice Williams said he would quash the charge of being members of an unlawful society against all five appellants because he considered the evidence unsatisfactory and also because the sentence awarded was in excess of jurisdiction. Had the taking of the evidence by the Magistrate been satisfactory, he would have exercised his discretion to reduce the sentence. There was a strong suspicion against them, but there was not enough evidence to place the matter beyond reasonable doubt.

His Lordship held there was evidence against the first two appellants on the charge of demanding money with menaces, and he was satisfied that the other three appellants were acting in concert with them. He upheld the conviction against all the appellants on that charge, but said he would reduce the sentences passed.

Sentence against the first two appellants was reduced to nine months' hard labour, and against the other three appellants to four months' hard labour. They are all to date from conviction.

Broke Faith With Employer

Chan Hup broke faith with his employer and absconded with \$870 he yielded to temptation.

Employed as a coolie by Chan Wan-yun to work at the Kowloon Godown, Chan was trustworthy until his lapse. His employer used to entrust him with money to bring over to Houmao to pay rent and the day in question he was given \$870 to settle the rental. As he was on his way, he came across a gathering of coolies gambling in the street and he yielded to temptation and gambled and lost \$50.

Not daring to face his employer, he bought two gold rings and a suit of clothing and decided to abscond. He boarded a bus to Tsunwan and when he arrived at a beach, he changed into the new suit that he had just bought. While changing he was confronted by a constable to whom he was unable to give a satisfactory explanation for his movements.

The defendant, according to Inspector Waldron, had a good character generally and had only yielded to temptation in a moment's weakness.

Admitting the charge of fraudulent conversion, Chan was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr Latimer at Kowloon this morning.

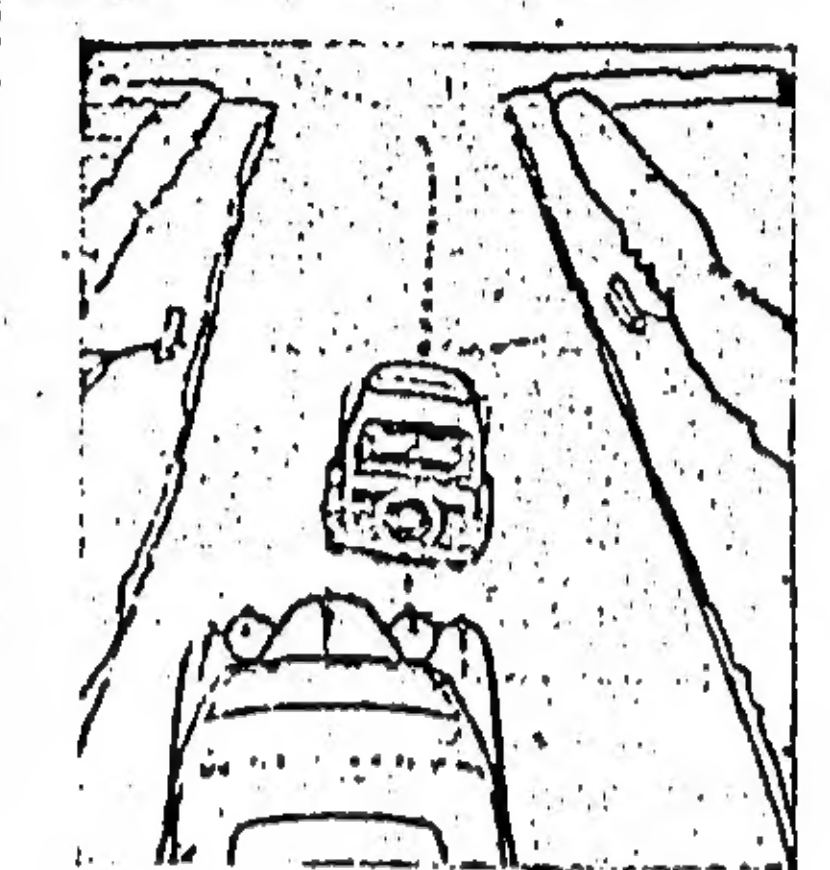
Prison Terms For Fish Hawkers

Sentence of two months' hard labour without the option of fine was imposed on Kwok Sin, 31, hawker, by Mr d'Almeida at Central this morning for selling fresh fish at Canal Road, a place other than the market at 6.30 p.m. yesterday.

Defendant had 25 catfish of fish in possession when arrested by two other unlicensed hawkers Lee Leung, 17, and Wong Sum, 17, were both sentenced to five weeks' hard labour for the similar offence at Electric Road. Defendants had only four catfish of fresh fish between them.

Inspector J. H. Brownrigg prosecuting.

ROAD SENSE... (11)



The front car is monopolising the road; its position suggests that the driver intends to turn right. The car behind may try to pass on the left.

Boarded Ship Without Permission

MAN FINED \$300

Permission was granted by Mr Cairns at the Marine Court today for Sub-Inspector Askew, Water Police, to bring forward the case against Pang Pak-lam, unemployed, and six cargo boatmen, of lying alongside the RFA War Afrid on the night of April 11-12, without permission of the Master or the Officer in Charge. The case had been called on Monday but was remanded, for 72 hours for further enquiries. Sub-Inspector Askew said this morning that the Police had now completed their investigations.

The charge against the six boatmen was withdrawn and that against Pang was amended from unlawful boarding to lying alongside the vessel. An additional charge of failing to produce a licence when called upon to do so, was also preferred against him.

Mr Alfred Y. Hon, who represented all defendants, pleaded guilty to both charges on behalf of Pang. He said that as defendant admitted being on board the vessel, the amended charge amounted to the same thing, since a person could not board without being alongside. He asked that a lenient view be taken, as defendants had been in custody since April 11, and requested that a nominal fine be imposed.

IN OFFICERS' QUARTERS

Sub-Inspector Askew reported that, acting on information, he had kept a watch on Saturday night until just after midnight. At about 11.50 p.m. he saw a motor boat go alongside the War Afrid. On the approach of the Police the motor boat, which had doused its lights, cut off and disappeared. Pang and the six other defendants were found on board the War Afrid in the officers' quarters and were unable to give any explanation of their presence. He asked that a lenient view be taken of the vessel in question was one of His Majesty's ships and the offence occurred late at night. He agreed that defendants had been in custody for three days, but that was to enable Police to complete their investigations, and he submitted that the circumstances were very suspicious.

Pang was fined \$200 or one month on the first charge, and \$100 or two weeks on the second.

EXCESS PASSENGERS

The coxswain of a motor junk was fined \$150 or one month for carrying 20 excess passengers. He pleaded that he had a cargo of fresh fish and the men were employed in pouring water over them. Mr Cairns pointed out that that did not give any right to carry more men than was indicated by his licence. Mr P. Brett, Chief Marine Officer, pointed out that defendant had already been given permission to carry an extra six men on this occasion.

UNLAWFUL MOORING

For being moored in the area reserved for Coxswain craft in the Yau-mat Typhoon Shelter, the master of a junk was fined \$20 or four days. Defendant pleaded that his boat had been hired by a building contractor to carry machinery from Macao to the Yau-mat Typhoon Shelter. Mr Cairns pointed out that that did not give him permission to moor in the prohibited area. Defendant said he did not know the regulations.

Deportee Comes Back To Colony

For breach of a deportation order and resisting arrest, Leung Lee, 21, unemployed, was sentenced to one year on the first charge and three months on the second by Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning.

Inspector Howarth stated that defendant was arrested on information about 7.45 p.m. on Monday in Shanghai Street. As he was taken to the station he slipped his jacket and escaped. He was caught after a short chase. Defendant escaped again by tearing off that part of his trousers which was held by the constable. He was re-arrested again before he ran more than a dozen yards.

UNREGISTERED WORKSHOP

The proprietor of Hop Wo Flash-light Bulb Factory of 245, Portland Street, was fined \$1,000 by Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning on summary of using the premises as an unregistered workshop, employing 14 women and two young persons after hours.

Mr V. C. Bond, of the Labour Office, stated that defendant applied for registration in October, but the application was refused owing to the unsuitability of the premises. Several visits had been made to the premises after he was notified of the rejection of his application, but he continued to use them as a workshop. In February he was fined \$75 by Mr Latimer for operating an unregistered workshop.

NOT PROPERLY LABELLED

A fine of \$250 was imposed by Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning on Wang Kau-kee, 23, Ki Lung Street, when he pleaded guilty to conveying 10 four-gallon tins of gasoline without a prescribed label attached thereto on March 10.

Mr Seymour stated that the authorities were trying to keep down the movement of dangerous goods by bicycles or tricycles.

The gasoline was ordered to be confiscated.

No Licence For Dangerous Goods

For possession of dangerous goods without a licence, Poon Mau-yung, of Mau Ming Co., 76 Nan Chang Street, was fined \$500 by Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning.

Mr V. C. Seymour, Divisional Fire Officer, said the summons was a result of a fire which occurred on the premises on March 10, the first floor of which was used as a laboratory. During the fire defendant attempted to cover up certain articles and it was found that the floor held 120 lbs of sodium nitrate, 80 lbs of cyanide, 24 gallons acetone, 4 gallons of petrol, 32 lbs of ammonia liquid and 140 lbs calcium carbide.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcels close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail close before 10 a.m., registered and parcels will close at 5 p.m. the previous day.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14
Closing Times By Air

Japan (Ordinary letters and cards only) 3.30 p.m.
London, Kanton, Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Tientsin, Kwantow, Fochow, 3.30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Tientsin (Sea) 2 p.m.
Batavia, Sourabaya and Makassar (Sea) 2 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Parcels and 2nd class mail) (Sea) 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15
Closing Times By Air

Canton, (Kowloon CPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 3 p.m. (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord).
Mantiao, 11.30 a.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 2 p.m.
Sydney and Auckland, 3.30 p.m.
Sakow and Paris, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking and Hiohwa, 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea & Train
Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 4 p.m.
Mantiao, Tientsin and Amoy (Sea) 10 a.m.
Santakan (Sea) 10 a.m.
Sakow (Sea) 10 a.m.
Hiohwa and Bangkok (Sea) Noon.
Sawtow (Sea) 2 p.m.
Mantiao, Macassar, Sourabaya and Batavia (Sea) 2 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 2 p.m.
Canton (2nd class mail only) (Train) 2 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi (Sea) 4 p.m.
Kongmoo (Sea) 6 p.m.
Canton (Parcels and 2nd class mail) (Sea) 5 p.m.

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TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15 P.M.



STAR

TO-DAY & TO-MORROW AT 2.30, 5.10, 7.20 & 9.30 p.m.



For obstructing fire escapes by locking four exit doors and blocking staircases, the proprietor of the Hongkong Rubber Manufacturing, of Tam Kung Road, was fined \$1,000 by Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning.

Mr Bond stated the summons was taken as a result of a small fire on the premises on March 3. During the fire, the premises were inspected and it was found that four exit doors were locked and the staircases were obstructed by beddings and other articles. Defendant was warned by letter on March 10 to rectify these faults, but when the premises were inspected five days later nothing had been done.

Drunk's Stupidity
Calaca, Batangas, Apr. 14.—A drunken wedding guest, Reynaldo Asuncion, threw a hand grenade in the midst of a celebration here, seriously injuring eight persons. The guest presumably fancied he had been slighted by his hosts. He fled after throwing the grenade, but was arrested on a Manila-bound bus.—United Press.

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BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

VANAR UPSETS HUI IN OPEN SINGLES

Last night's programme in the Colony Open Badminton Championships at Club de Recreio was featured by a major upset that saw a seeded player in the Senior Open Singles, P. K. Hui, go down to University's S. A. Vanar.

Vanar's winning score of 15-8, 15-7 establishes him as a strong contender for the Open Singles title. He is a forceful player with a powerful overhead stroke when given the chance that is an ace every time.

He has good judgment in place shots and his drops are executed with a neatness almost amounting to finesse. He is also a reliable retriever and is hard to beat with anything short of a smash.

In last night's game, he was a winner all the way, leading 8-2 in the first game and 6-3 in the second before going on to take the match. Hui was not at his best but showed an occasional sparkle of form.

Against Vanar's accurate retrieving he showed little chance and on the University player's service was seldom given opportunity for an easy kill.

Where Vanar was particularly sound was in his judgment of the shuttlecock's flight and he stood back to let through many an outside that was only an odd inch away from an ace. Hui lost several points by retrieving when it wasn't necessary.

SENIOR DOUBLES

The most exciting game of the evening was the Senior Doubles encounter between the Sing Tao pair, P. H. Wong and C. Au and KCC's S. Saul and W. Gillies. The Sing Tao players won 17-14, 17-14.

The KCC pair led in both games, being 14-9 up in the first only to have Wong, who was in smashing form, turn in six aces in a row on his service.

In the second game, Saul and Gillies led 14-12 and were within an inch of the winning ace when Saul fumbled a slider. His lack of confidence when in the lead was only too noticeable and it is a pity that this was so as he was playing a fine game the best points of which were a keen judgment of flight and of the drop shot.

MIXED DOUBLES

The first Mixed Doubles match of the Championships was featured by the spectacular show put up by University's Miss Ullian Khoo who, on yesterday's form, was a match for all but a handful of the entries in the Men's Junior Singles. Miss Khoo was more than sound in every department of the game and scored more than a just feminine share of the aces. Partnered by R. Young, of the Chinese YMCA, she beat the KCC combination of A. L. Fisher and Mrs. Tamworth 15-7, 15-11. A game which would not have been a one-sided game had she been a less able player at the net.

The Men's Junior Singles unearthed an unknown, T. H. Choo, from Malaya, who, though by no means in the dark horse class, is a better-than-average junior and will take some beating. He turned back R. Lapsley, of Kowloon Docks, 15-3, 15-6.

THE SCORES

Last night's results were:
Men's Senior Singles: S. A. Vanar (University) beat P. K. Hui (Sing Tao) 15-8, 15-7.
Men's Senior Doubles: P. H. Wong and C. Au (Sing Tao) beat S. Saul and W. Gillies (KCC) 17-14, 17-14.
Mixed Doubles: R. Young (Chinese YMCA) and Miss Ullian Khoo (University) beat A. L. Fisher and Mrs. Tamworth (KCC) 15-7, 15-11.
Men's Junior Singles: T. H. Choo beat R. Lapsley (Kowloon Docks) 15-3, 15-6.
C. H. Ngan (Kowloon Tong) beat Thong Ko Sone (KCC) 15-4, 15-2.

Riggs Admits Kramer Better

Minneapolis, Apr. 13.—Bobby Riggs, world professional tennis king, admitted today that Jack Kramer was the best man he has ever played on an indoor court and added ruefully that unless they play on an outdoor court he is likely to lose the title.

In their current 65-game American tour, Kramer leads 47 to 18 including 32 victories in less than 37 matches.—United Press.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, Apr. 13.—The following were results of football matches played today:
Third Division (Northern): Barrow 0, Rochdale 1.
Scottish "B" Division (Supplementary Cup Second Round Replay): Cowdenbeath 0, Leith Athletic 9.—Reuter.

RUGBY LEAGUE

London, Apr. 13.—The following were the results of rugby games played today:
Rugby League: Dewsbury 0, Castleford 13, Oldham 12, Leeds 5.—Reuter.

FOR KENTUCKY DERBY



Calumet Farm's Citation, winter book favourite for the Kentucky Derby, leaves Miami, Fla. for Havre de Grace, Md., where the three-year-old will train until Derby time.—A. P. Wirephoto.

COLONY TENNIS

Quarter-Finals Of Open Singles Today

The quarter-finals of the Colony Open Singles will be played this evening on the Hongkong Cricket Club courts. An admission fee will be charged.

The last eight are Ip Koon-hung, Tsui Yun-pui, Choy Tin-fook, S. A. Rumjahn, H. D. Rumjahn, R. Segalen, Mar Nai-kwong and Tsui Wai-pui.

The Stand Court match today will be between the holder of the Open Singles Championship, Ip Koon-hung, and Tsui Yun-pui, a former Colony Champion.

Tsui Wai-pui, R. Segalen and Mar Nai-kwong won their way into the last eight yesterday evening. None of the three was extended though both Segalen and Mar were held to a long second set.

Tsui Wai-pui was shown some opposition by Lee Yue-wing, but the former Colony Champion and Davis Cup player had too much all-round ability to be seriously challenged and won through with the loss of only five games.

Mar Nai-kwong was up against the veteran Mr. W. Lo and did not have everything his own way. Mr. W. Lo is still one of the classic all-rounders to be seen on local courts but he is beyond retrieving the harder ones. His service also is not what it was.

Mar won the first set easily at 6-3 but was held to 14 games in the second.

EVEN BETTING

There was even betting on Patrick Poon against Segalen but the young Chinese player hasn't yet developed the latter's match temperament.

Poon has some good strokes that he will yet have to perfect and there is considerable room for improvement in his defensive play.

In the second set he was continually losing on his own service as was Segalen. The latter was sturdier in the long volleys, showing retrieving ability that should make him a tough proposition today for H. D. Rumjahn.

The remaining quarter-final matches in the Open Doubles will be completed on Thursday and Friday, weather permitting. The programme for next week consisting of one game daily, the Open-Singles semi-finals on Monday and Tuesday, the semi-finals of the Open Doubles on Wednesday and Thursday and both the finals on Friday.

An admission fee of \$2 for the stands and \$1 for standing room

will be charged from this evening. This will be increased to \$3 and \$2 for the semi-final matches next week.

Yesterday's results were:
Tsui Wai-pui beat Lee Yue-wing 6-3, 6-2.
R. Segalen beat Patrick Poon 6-2, 6-7.
Mar Nai-kwong beat M. W. Lo 6-3, 6-6.

TODAY'S MATCHES

This evening's programme is:
Ip Koon-hung v. Tsui Yun-pui (Stand Court, Umpire, G. W. Sewell).
Mar Nai-kwong v. Tsui Wai-pui (Court 2, Umpire, C. W. L. Way).
Choy Tin-fook v. S. A. Rumjahn (Court 3, Umpire, A. D. Humphreys).
H. D. Rumjahn v. R. Segalen (Court 4, Umpire, T. J. Gouli).

LONDON TAKES ITS GAMES SERIOUSLY

Olympic visitors from 52 countries are looking for somewhere to stay—and

Mr Eves Wants 50,000 Beds

By GEORGE CAMPEY

Fifty thousand overseas visitors may be in London for the Olympic Games this summer. Where will they sleep? Officials engaged on the great bedroom hunt say, "We can do it." But some hard work lies ahead.

Spectators' tickets have been allotted to Olympic associations in 52 countries. They have until February 15 to give their requirements, but on the basis of replies already received, 40-50,000 seems a fair estimate of the number of visitors. It would not surprise the organisers if twice that number came.

Chief of the accommodation squad is Mr W. Eves. The Olympic Games (Accommodation Overseas Visitors) Bureau which is being opened by the British Tourist and Holidays Board at 10, Mayfair-place already has requests for accommodation from 20,000 foreigners.

Many come from America. But not all Americans want to step off the Queen Mary, the Queen Elizabeth or the Clipper into luxury hotels. Some are prepared to work their way over if they can be sure of finding somewhere to stay. One man in Illinois is making the Olympic Games the occasion for his first trip abroad; he wants to see as much of Britain as possible and in the cheapest way.

From Sweden comes a request for tent sites for 300 members of an athletic club. From Norway a party of schoolboys have appeared for premises where their own chef can operate. From Greece an army major (a long distance swimmer) threatens to swim the Channel to get here—but wants to be sure of a bed at the end of it. And six Sudanese have written about their anxiety to see the Games and to

Back Room Boy Of Swimming

By MILLIE HUDSON

One of the outstanding swimming personalities of the 1948 Olympic Games at Wembley is not a competitive swimmer. He is Alderman Harold Ernest Fern, president of the governing body, the Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur. He was first vice-president of the Federation and first Briton to become president, and he is, too, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Olympic Games Organising Committee. In an official capacity, Mr Fern has attended the Olympic Games since they were last held in London in 1908, and today he is being re-elected honorary secretary of the Amateur Swimming Association for the twenty-eighth successive year.

Mr Fern was first vice-president, then president between 1935 and 1939, of the European Swimming League.

Promotion of swimming education has been of first importance to Mr Fern ever since he entered the official swimming world in 1903. Then he changed ASA policy from one concerned solely with racing and championships to include the teaching of swimming to school-children and the stimulation of public opinion to secure better facilities.

MIXED SWIMMING

In 1918 he persuaded the President of the Board of Education to place ASA swimming methods in elementary school curriculums. He is now chairman of the Games and Sports Sub-Committee of the Central Council of Physical Recreation.

Pressing for mixed swimming in the early days, Mr Fern nearly split the Southern Counties ASA. Then, after carrying his council, he was faced with the difficult task of getting local authorities to provide mixed bathing facilities.

Hundreds of swimmers today owe their ability to swim, and much of their personal safety, to Mr Fern's educational work in swimming.

BOXING

"NEW LOOK" IN THE RING

Philadelphia, Apr. 13.—Abe J. Green, President of the National Boxing Association, told the Executive Committee here that "it won't be long now before we need a New Look in boxing."

Mr. Green called attention to the fact that nearly all important bouts are now being televised and said that more attention must be paid to the neat attire of boxers, seconds and referees, and that all ring announcements be made in proper grammar.

Mr. Greene added: "Television may revolutionise the entire concept of boxing."—Reuter.

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COLONY CHESS

Danenberg In Final

The first of the three games in the play-off between K.M.A. Barnett and Arthur Gomes for entry into the final of the Colony Open Championship ended last night in a win for the former.

Gomes had the black pieces and played the French Defence. Barnett was on the offensive throughout the game.

Eugene Taurz, who is departing today on long leave, has conceded Ray Danenberg a walk-over in the play-off from Group "A". Danenberg, who tied for second and third place with Taurz in the group, qualifies thus for the final.

The finalists now are Ray Danenberg, J. P. de Carvalho, F. X. Sequeira, L. Schure, P. K. Prokopov and the winner of the Barnett-Gomes play-off. They have been drawn in that order for the final tournament which commences on Thursday, April 22.

TENNIS LEAGUE

Support Still Needed For Ladies' Doubles

Sufficient support has been received for the Men's "A" and "B" Divisions to ensure these being held. It was learned from the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association this morning.

The Mixed Doubles Division has three entries to date, but it is expected that the necessary fourth will come through before closing time at 6 p.m. tomorrow.

In the Ladies' Doubles Division only one entry has been received so far, this being from Kowloon Cricket Club. It is hoped that the Ladies' Recreation Club will enter two teams and the Chinese Recreation Club one.

Entries received so far are:
Men's "A" Division: Chinese Recreation Club (two teams), Kowloon Cricket Club (two teams), Hongkong Cricket Club and South China Athletic Association.

Men's "B" Division: South China, University, CRC, HKCC and KCC. Mixed Doubles Division: CRC, HKCC and KCC.

Britain Criticised By Palestine Commission

Lake Success, Apr. 13.—The United Nations Palestine Commission, reporting to the General Assembly today, criticised Britain for alleged lack of co-operation and declared that unless urgent measures were taken immediately Palestine would be thrown into chaos.

The report criticised the British authorities on these main grounds:

- 1.—Refusing to let the Commission go to Palestine earlier than May 1.
- 2.—Refusing to have a progressive transfer of authority.
- 3.—Making it impossible for the Commission to organise Arab and Jewish militias in advance.
- 4.—Taking financial and economic steps without consulting the Commission.

Other factors which made it impossible to implement the Assembly partition plan were given as Arab resistance and the absence of any international force to support the Commission.

The report gave this view of the situation: "The organised effort of Arab elements to prevent the partition of Palestine, the determined efforts of the Jews to ensure the establishment of a Jewish State as envisaged by the Assembly resolution, and the fact that the mandatory power, engaged in the liquidation of its administration and the evacuation of its troops, has found

it impossible fully to contain the conflict, have led to a virtual civil war in Palestine, to a steady deterioration in administration and security in the territory, and to the imminence of widespread chaos, starvation, strife and bloodshed on a scale hitherto unknown there."

The Commission found that the general policy of the mandatory power was to take no measure which might be construed as involving it in an implementation of the Assembly resolution.

"SERIOUS JEOPARDY"

The report added: "The refusal of the mandatory power to co-operate in implementing the plan, its rejection of any progressive transfer of authority and the inability of the Commission to be in Palestine, constitute a serious jeopardy to the discharge of the Commission's responsibilities."

On the administrative side, the Commission found that while Jewish Government officials in Palestine were ready to co-operate with it, "there was strong reason to believe that no Arab would be prepared to serve the Commission."

Willingness to continue in the Civil Service after the termination of the mandate had been expressed so far by 500 Jews, three British and four others. No Arabs had volunteered.

Other points made in the report were: "Unless a truce is negotiated and observed, the ensuing weeks will witness an intensification of the struggle. A force of 1,000 non-Jewish and non-Arab police was required, in addition to local Arab and Jewish police, to maintain order in Jerusalem. The Commission would require at least a battalion for its own protection."

The remainder of the 42-page report was a summary of two previous reports presented to the Security Council.—Reuter.

New Post For Hall-Patch

London, Apr. 13.—Sir Edmund Hall-Patch, Deputy Under-Secretary of State in charge of the Foreign Office Economic Department since 1940, has been appointed United Kingdom representative with the American Organisation for the European Recovery programme in Paris, the Foreign Office announced today.

Sir Edmund was closely associated with Lord Keynes in the negotiations for the American loan and was the Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin's right-hand man in all the economic aspects of the Marshall Plan aid.

He has played a leading part in Anglo-French trade talks and was the principal delegate to the discussions on the fusion of the British and United States Zones of Germany.—Reuter.

Americans Robbed

Manila, Apr. 13.—Seven United States Army personnel and four women companions were held up and robbed of cash and other belongings by a group of Filipino civilians at Tagaytay Ridge, a weekend mountain resort south of Manila, on Sunday afternoon, it was officially announced today.—Reuter.

FILIPINO BABY CUTS A GOLDEN TOOTH

Manila, Apr. 13.—The mystery of Elvy Mendoza's golden tooth has the sleepy country suburb of Marilao all in a bubble.

None of the villagers ever heard the likes of it. Elvy is a chubby, curly-haired, 19-month-old Filipino girl. She is by all signs a perfectly normal baby—except for the sharp golden incisor rooted deep in the centre of her lower gum, just below her natural teeth.

Nobody knows how it got there. Elvy's parents and grandparents and the neighbours all cross themselves and swear it grew. They say it started cutting through the gum last August 10. They marked the date on a calendar because it was Elvy's first tooth.

REAL GOLD
"It grew maybe six months," said Federico Mendoza, Elvy's 32-year-old truck-driver father. "Then it stopped. Real Gold."

When the word got to Manila, a caravan of newspapermen rolled out along the rutted dusty roads to the bamboo house on stilts where Elvy's mother and father, two sisters and three brown dogs live behind a cornfield.

Senora Mendoza held Elvy's mouth open and everyone got a look at the miraculous tooth. It was just the size of the other baby teeth but it was unmistakably of solid gold, it protruded from the gum like a miniature gilded tombstone, smooth and glistening.

To demonstrate that "it real tooth," Elvy's father grasped it between a strong brown thumb and forefinger and tugged until Elvy howled, and the dogs started barking. "In solid," he said. "Gold roots."

Marilao people have different opinions about the tooth. Federico Mendoza took it as "a sign." He decided at once to turn "the new leaf," he says, and to give up "the bad habits." He says he has been a happier man ever since.

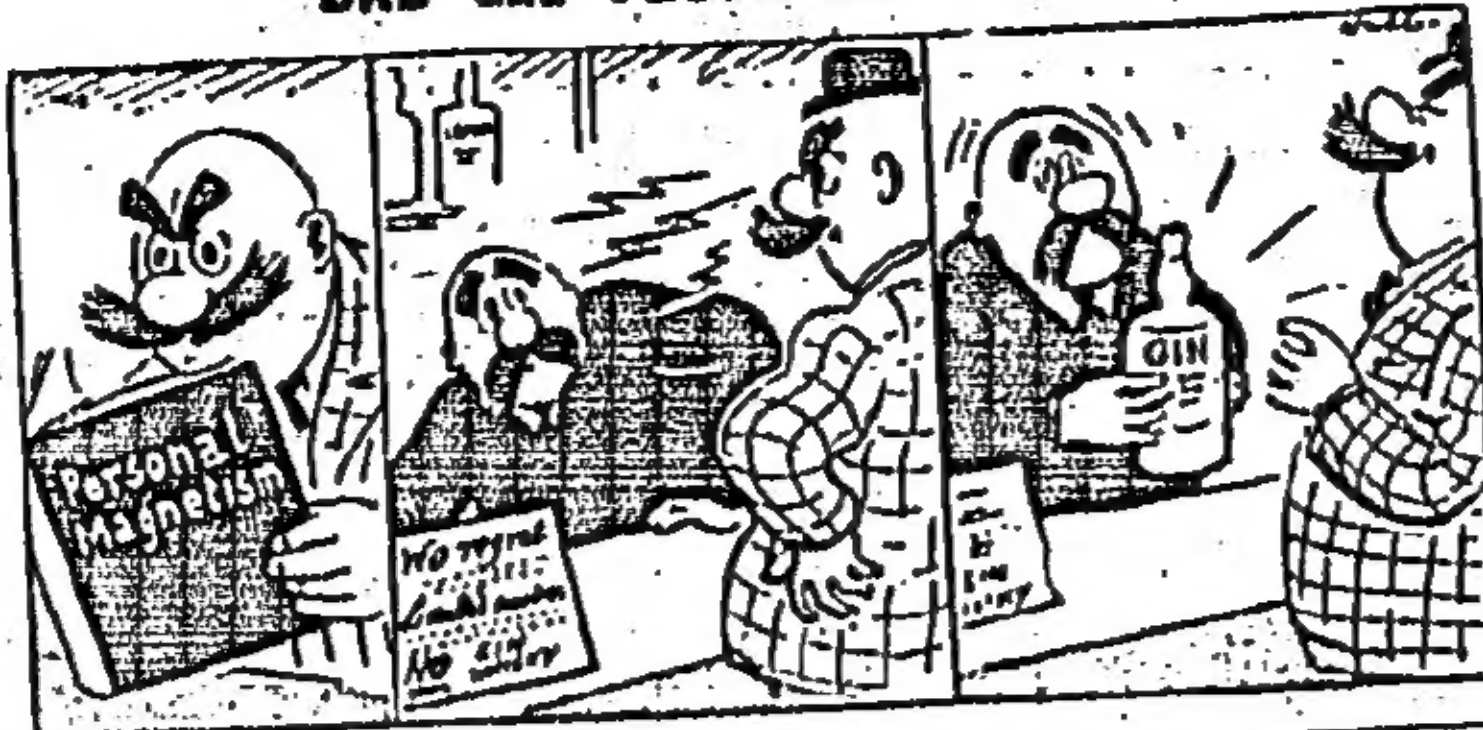
The grandparents, a white-haired, barefoot couple who smoke home-made cheroots wrapped in newspaper, are nervous about all the publicity. They fear news of the gold may draw "holduppers" to Marilao.

ASSAYED AS 15 CARAT
A distant relative who is something of an expert on gold liked the claims it is at least 15 carat. Federico's boss is thinking of sponsoring an exhibition to the United States.

The village herb doctor, widely regarded as an oracle, predicted that the tooth was the first of 3,003 miracles which would occur in Marilao.

Many of the townsfolk think there may be much in what the herb doctor says. Shortly after he made the prediction, a two-headed, two-tailed water buffalo was born on a nearby farm. And in February a woodcutter found a picture of the Holy Virgin embodied in the trunk of a freshly-sawed tamarind tree, they say.—Associated Press.

DAB and FLOUNDER—by Walter



Dope Ring Broken Up

Shanghai, Apr. 14.—Six drug trafficking suspects, including two women, believed to be members of a ring operating between here and Peking by air, were arrested by Garrison officers yesterday, according to Chinese reports.

The roundup is expected to lead to discovery of a large gang of underground dealers in gold and foreign currency, due to the large amount of capital in gold bars, which has been uncovered. The head of the local ring, it is reported, confessed that the drugs were manufactured by a factory in the north and transported here by plane.—Reuter.

F.O. Courier Turned Back By Russians

Vienna, Apr. 13.—Russian armed guards, demanding passes with photographs from travelling British troops in the Vienna area, today halted a courier carrying British Foreign Office despatches and turned him back from the British-controlled Schwechat Airport.

The courier, also carrying Army despatches intended for London, was stopped at a newly established check point eight miles southeast of Vienna.

Russian armed guards, with tommy guns, stopped the Royal Signals Corps jeep and refused to let it proceed, although the courier explained the nature of his duty.

A British official spokesman tonight declined the action to be contrary to the decision of the European Advisory Commission agreement, signed in July, 1945, which provided that "the armed forces of any officials of the occupying powers will enjoy free and unimpeded access to aerodromes occupied for their own use."—Reuter.

POST-UNRRA RELIEF

Washington, Apr. 13.—The second quarterly report to Congress of the operation of the United States post-UNRRA relief programme showed today that by the end of last year \$280,250,000 of the \$350 million appropriation had been allocated to the five recipient countries.

The last supplies under this budget shipped during the first quarter of this year. The allocations were: Italy—\$118,696,000, Austria—\$87,113,000, China—\$27,494,000, Greece—\$37,880,000, Trieste \$9,071,000.

An additional allocation of \$18,000,000 to China was made after last December. Other allocations from the funds included \$40 million for the International Children's Emergency Fund and \$5 million towards the transport of goods abroad by voluntary relief agencies.—Reuter.

Communists Infiltrating North Italy

Rome, Apr. 13.—Rumanian Communists, some said to have come to Italy under the pretext of visiting the Milan Fair and others said to be "masquerading as journalists," were reported today to be infiltrating Northern Italy to join in the Italian election campaign.

Meantime, with five days to go before the crucial poll, strong forces of the Italian armed police put on a show of power in Naples today to discourage disturbances next Sunday.

The police marched past cheering crowds and flowers were showered down on them from balconies. Included in the detachments were foot police, men in armoured cars and a brass band.

RED LEADER'S SPEECH
Signor Palmiro Togliatti, the Italian Communist leader, declared in an election speech, broadcast by Rome Radio tonight, that the Communist-led Popular Front pledged "to save the peace of Italy by refusing adherence to any bloc or alliance which could draw us into a new war."

He alleged: "The American Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has announced to the entire world that the United States wanted to create in Sicily, on Italian territory, an air base and a dump for atom bombs. 'Italians know well that to become a war base for imperialist country is to be drawn into the abyss of a terrible world conflict.'"

Reuter.

Reds' Growing Air Force

Washington, Apr. 13.—The United States Secretary of the Air Force, Mr. Stuart Symington, told Congress today the Russian Air Force was bigger than the American and was growing fast.

"The Russians are building 12 times what we are," he said. "The Russian Air Force is many times larger than the American would be even with 70 groups, but we have good planes and better pilots."

Mr. Symington, testifying before the House Armed Services Committee on the Bill to increase the Air Force from 55 to 70 groups, said he was asking for "not a wartime but peacetime force."

The additional groups would require the construction of 1,500 new planes, an increase of personnel from 400,000 to 502,000 men, he said. The personnel programme should be completed by 1950, and the full 70 groups in operation by 1952.—Reuter.

U.S. Soft Coal Miners Return

Pittsburgh, Apr. 14.—Thousands of soft coal miners returned to work in Pittsburgh on Tuesday on instruction from John L. Lewis to end their month-long strike.

Many remained away from the pits, however, apparently awaiting the outcome of the Lewis contempt of court trial on Wednesday for ignoring a court order to end the strike last week.

A survey showed that coal production was as high as 75 per cent. in some areas.

Thirty thousand sympathy strikers in the Anthracite fields, in eastern Pennsylvania, also returned to work. A dispute over pensions started the strike.—Associated Press.

Siamese Cabinet Selected

Bangkok, Apr. 13.—After five days of consultations between political leaders, the Siamese Premier Designate Phibun Songgram at noon today presented a list of an 11-man Cabinet and 14 deputies and assistants to the King's Supreme Council.

The following were the 11 Ministers: Lieutenant General Chari Nakrob, Defence; Phibun, Interior; Phya Sibthachai Songgram, Commerce; Phya Phannachorn, Agriculture; Phya Luang Pim Yodh, Education; Phya Mahalawan, Commerce; Phya Boriraj Vejjajorn, Public Health; Phya Tonnavan, Finance; Phya Manupharn, Ministry of Justice; and Phya Pradit Thongphong, Foreign Affairs.—Associated Press.

Copenhagen, Apr. 13.—Dr. Christian Moller, former Danish Foreign Minister, died tonight from a heart attack.—Reuter.

Siam's 1947 Rice Exports

Exceeded Original Expectations

Bangkok, Apr. 13.—Final figures for Siam's rice deliveries for 1947 show that a total of 455,540 tons was exported during the year. Value of the exports was U.S.\$19,230,200.

Rice exports for 1947, the Ministry of Commerce pointed out, were 35,940 tons in excess of the 420,000 tons which was originally estimated as the year's total by the government, and showed a substantial increase over the 392,100 tons of rice exported by Siam in 1946.

The 1947 total was greatly boosted during the final three months of the year after the price for each ton of rice was raised from US\$9 to US\$12.

THE 1948 TARGET

In addition to more than \$10,000,000 realised by the actual sale of rice last year, there was an additional \$700,000 received by the government in the form of export duties. Customs revenues from the export of rice for the preceding year, 1946, totalled \$535,000.

Siam's delegate to the world rice conference at Bangkok recently told delegates there that Siam's goal for 1948 was 500,000 tons. This will be delivered under International Emergency Food Council allocation, but attempts are being made to get an additional US\$12 a ton for the deliveries.

The largest month's shipment since the war was recorded in December, when 64,511 tons of rice left the country. The average monthly shipment during 1947 was 30,000 tons.—United Press.

Japs' Soap And Matches Rations

Tokyo, Apr. 13.—Five matches per day and five cakes of soap per year will be rationed to every Japanese under the 1948 59 daily necessities distribution programme completed by the Economic Stabilisation Board.

Last year's programme called for four matches per day and five cakes of soap per year.

The programme will be submitted shortly to the cabinet. Economic Stabilisation Board officials said if production reaches a point where six matches per capita daily becomes possible then rationing will be abolished.—United Press.

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